

## Cory to press: give me a break

MANILA, July 18. (AP): President Corason Aquino accused the foreign press today of tarnishing the country's image and said her frequent trips abroad were necessary to counter hostile reporting.

In a speech to the Manila overseas press club, Aquino said the 1986 uprising that toppled President Marcos and propelled her to power raised "many expectations that were unrealistically high."

"And when our government failed to live up to those expectations... the foreign media went to town on it," she said. "After all they could not continue printing stories about the euphoria of the (uprising)."

She said foreign audiences are not told or fail to remember positive developments, such as single-digit inflation and economic growth.

Instead, she complained, reporting has focused on alleged human rights violations, lawlessness and the country's past inability to spend foreign aid funds efficiently. She said such reports threaten economic growth.

"Indeed, why should a prospective foreign investor come here if he has the impression that we are cannibals?" she said.

**Hill okays aid**  
A house subcommittee last evening approved a \$14.4-billion spending bill for military, economic and development aid to foreign countries after boosting money for a "mini-marshall plan" for the Philippines.

The appropriations committee's foreign operations panel added \$30 million to the Philippines aid programme, called the multilateral assistance initiative, bringing the total proposed US share to \$160 million for the fiscal year beginning Oct 1.

But that total still was \$40 million below the amount Secretary of State James Baker III pledged for the programme at a recent Tokyo meeting, with other nations participating in the development effort.

**Imelda must answer**  
A judge yesterday cleared the way for lawyers to question the wife of Marcos about \$5 billion fortune allegedly to have been amassed illegally while in power. "I think we have waited long enough in this case. It is time to get moving again," federal judge Mariana Paezler said in lifting a two-year stay on questioning Imelda Marcos.

## Egypt tries missing spy

CAIRO, July 18. (Reuters): An Egyptian spy trial began today with an absent US citizen accused of hiring local agents to feed the CIA information about Islamic militants.

Sami Youssif Ibrahim, a 25-year-old Egyptian doctor, was brought to a State Security Court in Cairo under armed guard.

The other defendants, Ibrahim's brother Samir and an American named as Central Intelligence Agency officer Nicholas Edward Reynolds, are still at large.

Reynolds, whose name is transliterated from the Arabic charge sheet, is accused of paying monthly salaries to the Ibrahim brothers from 1983 until last November for information harmful to Egypt's national interests.

According to prosecution documents, Samir Ibrahim got \$300 a month and a car, went to the United States for spy schooling and was told to report on Muslim fundamentalists at Egyptian Universities. The prosecution says he has confessed.

The US embassy declined to comment on the case.

## Greece bares bug in Papa PASOK's soup

ATHENS, July 18. (AP): The government today displayed equipment with which it suspects the former socialist administration tapped telephones belonging to Greek military leaders and political personalities.

Greek Telecommunications Organisation (OTE) head Anastasios Mimis, in the presence of a district attorney, showed journalists a special receiver used for wiretapping. The device was discovered in an air duct of a room at the OTE technical centre in central Athens.

"This matter will find its way to the criminal courts... independent of any political responsibilities entailed," Justice Minister Fotis Kovelis told journalists.

## Kuwait, Iran upgrade ties

KUWAIT, July 18. (AP): Kuwait has approved a new Iranian ambassador to head the Islamic republic's mission in the Gulf state, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said today.

Quoting a report in the Kuwaiti daily newspaper, Al Rai Al A'am, the agency said Hussein Sadeqi, Foreign Ministry director-general since April 1988, had been accepted by

the Kuwait government. Sadeqi had previously served as Iran's consul in the Saudi Arabian port of Jeddah.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, said Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, asked in a letter to his Kuwaiti counterpart, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, that ties be upgraded.

## Amir revamps Qatari cabinet

Oil, defence unchanged

DOHA, Qatar, July 18. (Agencies): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, today decreed a cabinet reshuffle that introduced young technocrats to the government, but kept the ministers of oil and defence unchanged.

The new cabinet under the Amir comprises 15 ministers, eight of them from the ruling Al Thani dynasty, according to the list provided in the royal decree.

Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Amir's son, retained his post as defence minister, and his brother, Sheikh Abdel-Aziz Bin Khalifa Al Thani stayed on as minister of finance and petroleum.



Sheikh Zayed in Britain

Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan of the UAE (left) is accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip as he receives the guard of honour at Buckingham Palace, London. Sheikh Zayed is on a four-day visit to Britain. (Reuters wirephoto)

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### Israel plots to kill Arafat

## US aborts plan

By Najeh Khalil

THE US administration intervened at the last minute to have an Israeli plan designed to assassinate Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, aborted, highly informed sources said today.

The Israeli premier personally supervised the plan code named "Hunting the Best Head." The plan is alleged to have been "hatched" six months ago and sources said that the Israeli premier did not inform the Israeli mini-cabinet to ensure that there was no leak.

Sources continued that the US administration raised its level of contacts at the highest level to stop the execution of the operation. Sources added: "The US administration categorically told Israel that the assassination of Arafat would embroil the Middle East in conflict and create instability of unimaginable proportions."

At one stage, it is reported that US President George Bush told Tel Aviv that if the operation is carried out, the US will upgrade its level of contacts with the PLO and would urgently work to hold an international peace conference to discuss the Middle East conflict.

### Iran purges ranks

## Top brass executed

LONDON, July 18. (KUNA): Six senior Iranian Army officers, including commander of the land forces in the last three years of the Gulf war, were executed on charges of conspiring to topple the regime in the Islamic Republic, according to press reports here today.

British newspaper "Independent" said that nine officers in the Revolutionary Guards were also executed on similar charges that included collusion with the US and inciting unrest within the armed forces.

The daily, quoting the Keyhan newspaper published here in Persian, said that Gen. Sid Shirazi, the land forces commander, was the highest military rank among those executed followed by Maj. Gen. Hadi Hussein who was the commander of the Iranian forces on the Iraq-Iran border area.

Independent said that reports from Tehran indicate that Gen. Shirazi was arrested after declaring support to Ayatollah Hussein Montazeri who was the late Iranian spiritual leader Khomeini's successor until last March. Montazeri resigned his post after criticising human rights in his country, the paper noted.

A government dominated by the conservative New Democracy Party and supported by the communist-led coalition of the left and progress was formed on July 2 and has vowed to perform a cleanup of scandals allegedly involving members of the former Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) administration.

Meanwhile, a government spokesman Athanasios Kanellopoulos said that a proposal for an investigation into former government ministers allegedly involved in wire taps would be submitted to parliament.

A third son, Sheikh Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Thani, was appointed interior minister, replacing the Amir's brother, Sheikh Khaled Bin Hamad Al Thani.

Qatari sources, reached by phone, had no immediate comment on the move, merely noting that the average age of the newly-appointed ministers stood at about 35.

Most of the ministers who left the cabinet in the first reshuffle in five years were elderly.

Some vacant cabinet posts were filled. Ministries were amalgamated, and one new ministry created. The total number was cut from 18 to 16.

Abdullah Bin Khalifa Al Attiyah was named foreign minister, a post that had been vacant in the previous cabinet. Foreign affairs were being handled by a minister without portfolio, Sheikh Ahmed Bin Seif Al Thani.

Sheikh Ahmed was appointed justice minister, a post that also has been empty for several years.

The former information and culture minister, Isa Bin Ghanem Al Kowari, was made minister of Amiri Court affairs, and was replaced by Sheikh Hamad Bin Suhaim Al Thani.

Most of the new ministers are technocrats. Some had worked in the ministries they now head.

Qatar is a desert peninsula jutting 150 miles (240 kilometres) from the east Arabian mainland into the Gulf. It gained independence from Britain in 1971.

Qatar's population was set at 369,079 during the last census in March 1986. It is considered the third richest country in the world per capita with an annual income of \$25 billion a year.

Oil exports form the backbone of Qatar's economy. It is a member of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Qatar's oil production quota, as decreed by OPEC, is 329,000 barrels a day.

Like neighbouring Arab oil-producers, Qatar has diverted oil wealth into massive economic and social development plans. It has been seeking to diversify its economy by developing its oil-based industry.

## Bourguiba in hospital

TUNIS, July 18. (Reuters): Former Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba was admitted to hospital in Tunis yesterday for prostate gland surgery, family and medical sources said today.

The former president, who will be at least 86 next month, has been living in seclusion south of Tunis since his was removed from power in November 1987.

His relatives described his current ailment as minor and said they did not foresee any problems with the operation, which will be carried out this week by a visiting French surgeon.



War children

When 7-year-old Aliquliah was "wounded" in cross fire between government soldiers and Muslim rebels seven months ago, his chances of survival were bleak. His severe injuries could have been treated. But deteriorating health services in this war-devastated country, the shortages of antibiotics and trained surgeons left his wounds open and infected.

Yesterday, Aliquliah boarded an airplane for the first

time in his life for a journey that may see him healthy and bring him home within a year. He was one of 20 children taken by a West German volunteer organisation for advanced medical treatment in Europe.

Picture shows a 10-year-old Afghan girl holding her baby brother in a refugee camp in Pakistan.

## Gunmen kill Tamil with ties to India

COLOMBO, July 18. (AP): Uma Maheswaran, a Tamil leader with close links to India, was shot and killed by unknown assailants in Colombo, police said today.

A police official said on condition of not being identified that Maheswaran, 44, was killed on Sunday. His body, which had a gunshot wound in the head, was identified late yesterday, the official said.

Last week, two other Tamil leaders also considered pro-India were shot and killed in their Colombo residence. Witnesses identified the assailants as members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, a rebel group fighting the 40,000 Indian soldiers deployed in northern and eastern Sri Lanka.

In Madras, India, a spokesman for Sri Lankan Tamils said Maheswaran had been attacked by Tiger assailants at least three times in the past. Ponnudurai Ravinesan, the spokesman, said Maheswaran was targeted because he broke away from the Tigers in 1975 to form his own militia.

Maheswaran headed the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, a former rebel group that accepted an India-sponsored accord in 1987 aimed at ending the Tamil insurgency in Sri Lanka.

The Tigers rejected the agreement and turned their guns on the Indians. Since May, the Tigers have been holding talks with the Sri Lankan government and both sides have called for the withdrawal of Indian soldiers by the end of the month.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Tigers said 16 members of the group left Colombo yesterday after talks with the government.



Natwar Singh in Jaffna

India's State Minister for External Affairs, Natwar Singh, (left) pauses at the coffin of Appapillai Amirthalingam, leader of the Tamil United Liberation front, in Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna town. (Reuters wirephoto)

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### Amnesty seeks probe

## Rajiv firm for Tamils

NEW DELHI, July 18. (Reuters): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, in a wide-ranging speech about India foreign policy, said today India was determined to guarantee the security of Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

Referring to a 1987 agreement with Sri Lanka which sent Indian troops to the island, Rajiv told parliament: "It was India which had persuaded the Tamils to give up their demand for an independent state and lay down their weapons."

"The Tamils were not willing to listen to any promises given by the Sri Lankan government as such promises... in the past had not been adhered to and honoured," he said.

"India has given Tamils a commitment which it will stand by. We have given our word that we shall guarantee their security," Rajiv declared.

"The meaning and implication of this should be very clearly understood in Sri Lanka," he added, without mentioning any timetable for a troop withdrawal.

Meanwhile the Amnesty International urged India to investigate the disappearance of seven men, the human rights organisation said may have been killed in police custody.

Amnesty said the men, three political activists and four alleged criminals, were arrested in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab in 1987 and 1988 and have not been heard of since.

It accused police of flouting criminal procedures which safeguard the rights of detainees. Amnesty said it had evidence that the seven who disappeared had been detained by plain-clothes police.

"Amnesty uses the term 'disappearance' to describe cases in which the authorities or those acting with their connivance carry out a detention which they subsequently deny has occurred," it added.

## Afghan rebels ambush rivals

ISLAMABAD, July 18. (AP): A continuing power struggle between rival Afghan rebel groups in northern Afghanistan exploded more than a week ago when 30 rebels were ambushed and later killed, according to rebel reports today.

The dead, including seven key commanders, belonged to the Jamiat-e-Islami group. It charged the killings were carried out by the rival Hezb-e-Islami rebel group, led by hardline fundamentalist Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Rebel sources said the struggle for power has been waged almost since the outset of war in Afghanistan and has killed scores of rebels from both groups.

The latest casualties, from Afghanistan's northern provinces of Badakhshan, Kunduz, Takhar and Baghlan, were returning from a strategy meeting with Jamiat commander Ahmad Shah Masood, said Mohammad Shaoib, a Jamiat spokesman.

Masood formed a council of the north to incorporate rebels belonging to the seven rebel parties headquartered in Pakistan's border city of Peshawar. In a message to his headquarters in Pakistan more than a year ago, Masood said he was consolidating forces and establishing an Islamic Army.

Qaribur Rehman Saeed of Hezb-e-Islami said, "the conflict started right from the beginning when Masood wanted the upper hand in the north... Masood wanted to clear the area of Hezb mujahadeen."

He said Masood agreed to temporary ceasefires with Soviet troops during the Red Army's nine years of military intervention in Afghanistan. Rival fighting erupted when rebels from Hezb-e-Islami refused to recognise the ceasefire, Saeed said.

Rebel sources said the latest round of killings could cripple rebel efforts to gain control of government-controlled cities in the north.

The Afghan government today denied there was an internal feud in the country's leadership or that a minister had been arrested.

Rumours of discord within the government of President Najibullah were fuelled early today when security forces launched a security operation in central Kabul.

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## Bofors bungled

NEW DELHI, July 18. (UPI): Government auditors today issued a scathing report on India's scandal-shrouded artillery purchase from Sweden's Bofors arms firm, charging that a Defence Ministry error prohibited the recovery of \$64 million (\$40 million) paid to mid-dlemen.

The office of the comptroller and auditor-general also found that India has paid more than Rs16 million (\$1 million) in service fees and interest on unused credits extended for the domestic production of Bofors-designed Howitzers and that the military had failed to properly assess the weapons before concluding the \$1.3 billion sale in March 1986.

The government assessed damages of more than Rs8.5 million against Bofors for delays for which it was responsible, but has only received about half the amount, the report said.

## American victim of bus attack dies

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 18. (AP): An American attorney died today of wounds suffered in the June 6 Palestinian attack on an Israeli public bus, spokeswoman for Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital said.

The victim was identified as Rita Levine, 39, of Philadelphia, Penn., who came to Israel to take her law boards to practise here.

"She talked about a possibility of settling here," hospital spokeswoman Ruth Mekei said.

## IRA 'snitch' found dead

BELFAST, July 18. (UPI): Police in Northern Ireland said today they had cordoned off an area near the border with the Irish Republic because they feared the body of an alleged police informer executed by the outlawed Irish Republican Army may have been booby-trapped.

The dead man was spotted on a bridge only yards from the border in the remote countryside of South Armagh as an intensive search was being made by police on both sides of the border for a wealthy shipping magnate kidnapped early yesterday.

In a telephone call to a local journalist, the IRA claimed it had executed the businessman, John McNulty. It said he had been an informer who had passed information to a named police officer since 1972.

McNulty, 48, was kidnapped after a bloody struggle with six armed and masked men as he left a bar in county Louth, in the Irish Republic during early hours of Monday.



The body of McNulty in a roadside ditch. (Reuters wirephoto)



# Chinese group accuses Japan of collusion

BEIJING, July 18, (AP) — A Chinese group accusing Japan of colluding with China's "Communist Party dictatorship government" and plotting an economic invasion has threatened to kill two Japanese in China each month, Japan's embassy said today.

The group calling itself the "blood-bridegroom to die squad" sent a letter written in Chinese to Japan Airline's Beijing office and said the killings would start Aug 15.

Students and supporters in many cities formed "dare to die squads" during the nation-wide pro-democracy movement crushed by the Army in Beijing and by police in other cities.

The letter concluded, "please tell other countries, if they collude with the dictatorial government, they will meet the same fate." Japan Airlines, which received the letter yesterday afternoon, released copies of it today.

There were no reports of other companies, Japanese or non-Japanese, receiving threats, several Western embassies said. The Beijing offices of United Airlines, Lufthansa and British Airways all said they had not received any threats.

A Japan Airlines official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he believed the letter writers' real target was the Chinese government, not Japan. "I

think the person selected Japan Airlines because (it) is comparatively famous," he said. He said he did not believe the threat would be carried out.

The letter, written in block-line, almost childish characters, said, "because the Japanese pirates collude with the Communist Party dictatorship government and plot to launch a large-scale economic invasion of China, from today we, the blood-bridegroom to die squad, enter into a state of war with the Japanese pirates."

The group said its targets would be businessmen, tourists and friends of the Chinese Communist Party.

Students, journalists and

diplomats and their families were exempt, the letter said. It made no specific demands.

The letter writers gave the Beijing Friendship Hotel as their return address on the envelope, and the postal mark indicated it was mailed in Beijing.

Watanabe said there are about 1,000 Japanese living in Beijing, about half the number before the June Army attack on the protesters. Many foreigners fled China in the following days.

Few Japanese tourists have returned. Nearly 100 Japanese youths who were attending an international festival in North Korea passed through Beijing on July 5, and were stopped by sol-

## Dissidents flee apparently in fear

PARIS, July 18, (AP) — A press conference called by exiled Chinese dissidents broke up in disarray today as reporters struggled to find speakers and translators, and student leaders fled the meeting place, apparently in fear.

Held at a hotel off the Place de la Republique, the press conference was supposed to announce the formation of a "United Democratic Front" to oppose authorities in Beijing.

But no one appeared to speak to the 30 journalists gathered and there were no translators. The hotel management asked the reporters to leave.

As they dispersed, two taxis drew up, the first bearing Wu'er Kaixi, one of the best known leaders of the student-led movement for democracy, and three companions.

Reports said Wu'er appeared confused and frightened and sped off immediately.

A second taxi arrived carrying Yan Jiaqi, onetime advisor to former secretary-general of the Chinese Communist Party Zhao Ziyang, and Liu Bin Yan, a Chinese author exiled in the United States who spoke between themselves in Chinese outside the hotel.

China said police in Shanghai today arrested Yang Wei, a prominent US-educated dissident who was released from two years in prison last January. The official New China News

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Spy trial testimony

SAVANNAH, Georgia, July 18, (AP) — A retired colonel testifying in the spy trial of a Turkish man said yesterday a US soldier accused in the case attracted attention at an Army base by buying an expensive car for cash.

Retired Col Kenneth Roney's testimony came on the opening day of the US district court trial of Huseyin Yildirim, 41, who is accused of scheming with Army warrant officer James William Hall III to provide military secrets to the Soviets and East Germans.

### Bomb explosion

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, July 18, (AP) — A refugee from the decade-old war in neighboring Afghanistan was killed late last evening when a bomb exploded outside one of several refugee camps that encircle this border city, police officials said.

No one has claimed responsibility for the explosion, the second to rock a Pakistani city in less than 24 hours. In Lahore, about 240 miles (400 kilometers) east of Peshawar, on the border with India, another bomb exploded early yesterday morning, reported Pakistan's official news agency. Six people were injured in that explosion.

### Abusing power

SEOUL, South Korea, July 18, (AP) — A former director of the South Korean Intelligence Agency was sentenced to 10 months in prison today on charges of abusing power under the rule of disgraced former President Chun Doo-hwan.

Chang Se-Dong, 52, who also served as head of the secret service in charge of protecting Chun from 1981 to 1984, was sentenced on charges of abusing power during his tenure in that position.

### Court hearing

BOSTON, July 18, (UPI) — FBI agents were forced to arrest an accused Irish Republican Army operative earlier than they had planned because the suspect caught them trying to buy his car, a federal agent testified.

In testimony yesterday at a hearing in federal court, accused IRA agent Richard C. Johnson, candidly discussed the structure and recruiting practices of a group the government alleges is the IRA.

Johnson, 41, was arrested last Wednesday in the parking lot of Mire Corp. in Bedford, Mass., where he worked as an electrical engineer specializing in radar detection.

### Appeal to raiders

KUALA LUMPUR, July 18, (KUNA) — The owners of the Philippine flag-carrier Isla Luzon, which was seized by a group of armed men on its way to Cebu, have appealed to the raiders to contact them or Philippine embassies in the region.

"We are open for talks with whomever is holding the ship and three crew members," Eduardo U. Manasse, the vice-president of Magway Lines Inc. told newsmen here. He appealed to the men who hijacked the 4,829-DWT vessel not to harm the crew.

"Should there be any information concerning whereabouts of any of the three crew members, the Philippine embassy in Kuala Lumpur would be pleased to receive this," Eduardo said.

### Safe-to-eat

WASHINGTON, July 18, (AP) — Agriculture Department scientists are working on a safe-to-eat, nearly invisible coating made from milk that could extend the shelf life of fruit and vegetables.

Antia E. Pavlath, a chemist with the department's agricultural research service, said tests are concentrating on a film based on casein, a milk protein. A small amount of vitamin C is added to help protect against browning.

Pavlath, who works at the agency's research laboratory in Albany, California, said in a report released here yesterday that small pieces of sliced and peeled apple dipped in the coating stayed fresh for several days. Unprotected pieces shriveled and turned brown within a few hours.

**Bullet train halted**  
TOKYO, July 18, (UPI) — For the first time in the 25-year history of Japan's high-speed bullet trains, a conductor halted a train packed with 1,000 passengers and traveling at 125 mph to allow a politician off who suddenly realized he was on the wrong train and would miss a campaign appearance.

The politician, a candidate of the Japan Socialist Party in Sunday's upper house elections, was immediately stripped of his party's support.

The Socialist Party is taking the incident seriously as it may adversely affect its election campaign which has been going well so far, the government-supported Japan Broadcasting Corp. reported.

### AIDS-free certificate

KUALA LUMPUR, July 18, (KUNA) — All foreigners, including diplomats, whose anticipated period of stay in Pakistan exceeds one year, will have to produce an AIDS-free certificate when applying for visas at the embassies before they can visit the country.

According to a statement issued by the Pakistan embassy here today, said this was because the AIDS syndrome had been declared a notifiable disease in Pakistan.

It said the certificate should be form a reputable laboratory and those without it, would be required to file a declaration to the health authorities at the entry ports, giving their addresses in Pakistan.

They then would be asked to undergo a blood test for AIDS from a designated laboratory, it added.

**Bid to save life**  
KUALA LUMPUR, July 18, (UPI) — A British national sentenced to hang for trying to smuggle heroin into Malaysia in his underwear, has appealed to King Azlan Shah in a final bid to save himself from the gallows, officials said today.

## Kids left behind get help

# Amerasians find a friend

SYDNEY, July 18, (Reuters) — Ex-soldier John Rogers found the daughter he lost in 1973 asleep on the floor of a hut in Vung Tau.

The American had no doubt she was the child he had named Gloria Jean shortly before leaving Vietnam for home — there are not many black Asian girls.

Since finding his only child last year, the Honolulu travel agent has dedicated his life to helping Amerasians, the offspring of Vietnamese women and US servicemen during the Vietnam War.

"I had thought about my daughter all those years. I felt it was my responsibility all that time to take care of her," said Rogers, a former master sergeant who spent six years in Vietnam.

"Now I want to see all of them educated and well taken care of."

Rogers has established FACES (Foundation for Amerasian Children's Emergency Support) in Hawaii.

He has bought two houses in Ho Chi Minh City to shelter 200 Amerasian children. He is also funding welfare projects through the Vietnamese government.

"Right now they're considered outcasts, half-blood 'hien' who are at the back of the queue for everything," said Rogers after his 17th visit to the communist country in a year.

Rogers said Vietnamese officials estimate up to 20,000 children were left behind by US soldiers when the war ended in 1975.

Over 10,000 left for the United States under the orderly departure program, but Rogers estimates around 8,000 to 10,000 Amerasians still remain in Vietnam. Many are left to fend for themselves once they reach their teens and quickly slide into poverty.

Amerasians are often rejected by Vietnamese society. They are reminders of what is seen as a lack of morality on the part of Vietnamese women.



Rogers helping

Rogers' experience during the war was typical of many.

Hemetta woman 20 years older than himself in a nightclub in Vung Tau. When he left the beach resort in 1969 she was pregnant. Later in the year he met another Vietnamese girl whom he married. Before leaving for the United States with his new wife, he saw his daughter a few times.

His daughter is now at a refugee camp in the Philippines and is expected to join Rogers in Hawaii later this year.

He was unaware just how many children the American forces had left behind when they pulled out in 1975, until he returned for the first time to Vietnam last year.

"I was shocked at all those kids sleeping in the park and how little they had to eat," Rogers said. "So I took 110 of them out to eat in a restaurant. The next day I came back and there were even more so I took them out to eat as well."

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## KAL denies it was off course

WASHINGTON, July 18, (AP) — A lawyer defending Korean Air Lines refused today to concede that flight 007 was off course until an hour before it was shot down by a Soviet fighter plane in 1983, killing all 269 people aboard.

The best evidence is that the crew of the KAL jumbo jet was flying its correct route until shortly before it was destroyed on Sept 1, 1983, attorney George Tompkins said in opening statements to a federal court jury.

Families of 132 of the passengers killed when the airliner was destroyed are suing KAL, alleging willful misconduct by the plane's crew and seeking to collect damages in excess of a limit of \$75,000 per passenger imposed by an international treaty.

Tompkins based his statements on the fact that the crew sent radioed position reports periodically to Anchorage, Alaska, and Tokyo pinpointing the plane's location as being on course for the first four hours of its flight.

US air traffic controllers who tracked the earliest parts of flight 007 before it went out of radar range reported nothing abnormal, Tompkins said.

The last radioed position report, in which the crew reported being on course, was about an hour before the plane was shot down.

Tompkins labelled as "theory... conjecture, speculation" the idea that it was off course shortly after it left Anchorage, due to an error in programming the plane's computerized navigation system.

Tompkins said there was no proof of any programming error by the crew.

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## Mandela receives family in prison

PAARL, South Africa, July 18, (Agencies) — Black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, serving a life sentence for plotting against the government, observed his 71st birthday today with an unprecedented visit by 16 family members.

Mandela's wife, Winnie, and their daughter, Zini, were black, underscoring the solemnity of the day they had previously marked by fasting and praying at home.

Some relatives came from the United States, and Winnie said it was the first time Mandela's extended family was together with him since his arrest more than two decades ago.

The family reunion was marked by themes of the campaign for black-majority rights in South Africa.

A grandson was draped in a vivid garland of roses and carnations in yellow, black and red — colours of the United Democratic Front, South Africa's main anti-apartheid alliance before it was banned last year.

### Shouted

A son held up a fruit basket with ribbons in green, black and yellow — colours of the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla movement that Mandela led.

About 20 supporters of Mandela shouted "viva ANC" and "viva Mandela" as relatives arrived in five cars at 10:45 am (0845 GMT) at the gates of Victor Verster prison farm in Paarl, a white centre outside Cape Town.

Winnie, speaking to reporters after the family reunion was asked if she was optimistic about her husband's early release.

"Not at all," she said. "His exact words were: 'There will be no release, definitely not this year.'"

Winnie said that there was little talk of politics at the first family get-together for 26 years.

"It was a wonderful day for us, the children and the grandchildren. He is very happy to be with his family. He sends you his love, all of you," she told a group of 30 journalists and 40 supporters as she left the prison.

### Contact

Winnie added that her husband had recently met fellow members of the organization he leads, the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), and that he maintained full contact with its leadership in exile.

Speculation over Mandela's early release mounted after he met President P.W. Botha for a 45-minute tea party nearly two weeks ago at the presidential offices in Cape Town.

Diplomats predicted after the meeting that Mandela would be freed to play a major role in negotiating a settlement of South Africa's political impasse in the weeks following general elections on September 6.

But Winnie revealed that F.W. de Klerk, the man almost certain to succeed Botha as president after the elections, had not known of the Mandela-Botha talks until after the event.

Asked whether De Klerk had been let in on the secret of the talks, Winnie, speaking to an impromptu news conference outside the prison in Paarl, in South Africa's wine country 60 km (35 miles) northeast of Cape Town, replied: "No, not in advance."

JAFFNA, Sri Lanka, July 18, (Reuters) — A former Tamil guerrilla group controlling Sri Lanka's northern and eastern regions said yesterday that it had ordered 10,000 former cadres and supporters to return to the group to help with administration.

Arumugam Murganathan, political co-ordinator of the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) denied the group was running a forced conscription drive in its fight against the rival Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

"This is a time of crisis. We need them. We have ordered them to

The government has said it is investigating reports of forced EPRLF conscription and last week set up a welfare centre in Colombo for Tamil youth fleeing their homes in the north and east.

The EPRLF, banned by the dominant Tigers in squabbling between rival militant factions, accepted the 1987 pact between India and Sri Lanka aimed at ending a separatist revolt by minority Tamils. It gained control of an elected administrative council in the north and east regions.

The Tigers, who rejected the agreement, are fighting both the 45,000 Indian troops based in Sri Lanka to enforce the pact and a 3,000-strong civilian volunteer force comprising mainly EPRLF members.

As a result of the alleged conscription drive, young boys have vanished from the streets of Jaffna. "They have all fled to Colombo or are hiding elsewhere," said one resident.

Meanwhile Sri Lankan security forces have been placed on maximum alert against possible disruption of public life by "interested groups" official sources said.

Police and the armed forces have intensified surveillance of subversive planning to cause disturbances covertly and strict checks are being made at all entry



Natwar Singh, Indian State Minister for Foreign Affairs, consoles the wife of Appapillai Amirthalingam, who was cremated in Jaffna. (Reuters wirephoto)

points to the city and of suspicious persons, the sources said. Security officials have confirmed that operations against subversives have been launched on an intensified scale but

declined to give details. They said persons taken for questioning were released immediately after they were cleared of any subversive links. Heavily armed troops were

seen searching vehicles within the city and police and army patrol conducted surveillance operations to prevent what security officials called a possible "breach of the peace."



Japan Socialist Party chairwoman Takako Doi waves to supporters. (Reuters wirephoto)

## LDP expects 'tough fight'

### Surveys hint ruling party's loss

TOKYO, July 18, (UPI) — With a national election only five days away, a leader of Prime Minister Sosuke Uno's ruling party admitted today he is encountering a "very tough fight" because of voter opposition to an unpopular sales tax and declining faith in politics.

"I am not optimistic but not too pessimistic," said Ryutaro Hashimoto, secretary-general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, commenting on Sunday's election for the upper house of the Diet, Japan's Parliament.

At stake in the triennial election will be half of the chamber's

252 seats. Pre-election surveys indicated the LDP would lose a majority in the chamber for the first time since its founding in 1955.

"We were forced to fight a very tough fight because of public distrust in politics, the sales tax and liberalisation of the farm market," Hashimoto said, but added he now sees "signs of a very slight change for the better" in voters' response to the party's campaign pledges.

"Basically, the adverse wind blowing against our party remains unchanged but we are

fighting to win, not to lose," he said.

Citing the importance of the sales tax for Japan's fast aging society, Hashimoto said the LDP has no intention at all to abolish the levy although it is prepared to modify the system to win approval of taxpayers.

The LDP forced the tax reform bill through the key lower house in December amid a boycott of all opposition parties. Japan's first sales tax has been strongly criticized by retailers and consumers since it took effect April 1.

## Chinese floods kill 1,360

BEIJING, July 18, (AP) — At least 1,360 people have died in flooding in China since the beginning of June, and a government official warned today that more flooding could still occur.

Yang Zhenhui, deputy director of the State Flood Control headquarters and minister of water resources, said the worst of the flooding could occur in the next 20 days.

The official Xinhua News Agency today quoted Yang as saying about 2,700 people die in floods each year. Sichuan, China's most populous province, has suffered the most this year. More than 800 people have been killed and 5,500 wounded in flooding across 53 counties.

He said flooding has been more serious than usual along the Yangtze river, which flows through Sichuan province, the Huaihe river and the upper reaches of the Yellow river.

The news agency said 13 provinces have been hit by serious flooding that inundated 1.5 million hectares (3.7 million acres) of arable land and destroyed 370,000 homes. In Sichuan alone, 650 million kilograms (715,000 tonnes) of grain was lost.

Hurricane Daliaa swirled toward Hawaii yesterday on a course that would take it 150 miles (241 kilometers) south of the state's southernmost island, meteorologists said.

"Anything can happen. The way it looks now we may get a little from it, but not much," said Edmund Manning of the Central Pacific Hurricane Centre here. "But then you can't be too optimistic."

asked leave to appeal against death sentences imposed on the so-called Uppington 14.

The 13 men and one woman were sentenced to hang for their part in killing a black policeman in Paballo township, near the remote northern Cape Town of Uppington, at the height of a nationwide anti-apartheid uprising in 1985.

South Africa's ruling National Party yesterday reaffirmed its tough line against the African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla group, ruling out any talks until the organisation renounced violence.

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## Pilot is shocked by effect of crash

HOLLYWOOD, Florida, July 18 (AP) — The multiple investigations triggered by Thomas Root's 1,290-kilometre (800-mile) autopilot flight while he was unconscious, and by his bullet wound, are moving ahead on several fronts, federal investigators said.

The 36-year-old lawyer from Alexandria, Virginia, remained in Hollywood Memorial Hospital in stable condition yesterday. A hospital spokeswoman predicted he would be there for another week.

Investigators with the FBI and the National Transportation Safety Board are examining various aspects of Root's business activities and details of his flight Thursday.

He planned to fly his small plane from Washington to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, but told air traffic controllers he was having trouble breathing, and apparently passed out until his plane ran out of fuel and ditched near the Bahamas.

Military rescue crews who had followed Root's plane picked him up from the sea. Doctors later discovered he had suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Root theorized a pistol in his plane's cockpit may have fired when the plane hit the water.

Laboratory tests will check for drug traces in blood samples and also for evidence of carbon monoxide that would explain his difficulty breathing and loss of consciousness during the flight. Rachel Halterman of the National Transportation Safety Board said those results should be completed by midweek.

In North Carolina, the secretary of state's office has been investigating security fraud allegations against a company with which Root acted as an attorney. Edmisten said Root knew he was under investigation.

The NTSB is interviewing business associates and doing a background check as well as interviewing pilots and members of rescue crews who found Root.

The FBI is investigating possible violations of criminal statutes and will make a recommendation to the US attorney here.

FBI spokesman Paul Miller said his agency is checking the situation surrounding the flight and also checking on matters reported in Washington, Virginia and North Carolina.

Root contacted the Washington Post after his family considered numerous written requests for interviews and told the newspaper that the effects of his accident have surprised him. "I'm shocked. I can't understand why this story has blown up, beyond the admittedly unusual circumstances, to end up being a front-page story like this," Root told the Post for yesterday's editions.

He repeated his adamant denial that the bullet wound meant he tried to commit suicide.

"As I was swimming around out there, hurting a lot, I was thinking about my family and that I wasn't going to see them again. And I say that I don't have the ability, nerve or stupidity to take another life — mine or anybody else's."

## Wobbling Moon drifting away from Earth, experiments reveal

PASADENA, California, July 18 (UPI) — The Moon is drifting away from Earth by as much as an inch and a half (3.80 cm) a year, but the faithful satellite will never escape this planet's influence, new data from 20-year-old experiments revealed yesterday.

High-speed laser data zipping regularly from the Moon also surprisingly suggest it may have a fluid core and reaffirm theories the length of a day

on Earth actually varies.

Those new revelations emerged in studies involving the laser ranging retro-reflector, silica cubes mounted in an 18-inch (45-cm) aluminium panel on the Moon. The experiment was first set up on the lunar surface by the Apollo 11 astronauts during their historic visit to Earth's satellite two decades ago.

"They're what we call corner cubes," explained Jean Dickey, head of the

Geodetic Applications Group at NASA's jet propulsion laboratory, describing the functional cores of the reflector.

All told there are about 100 corner cubes, she said, placed in an arrangement that allows them to receive pulses of laser light fired from four positions on Earth.

By calculating data from the speeding beams, scientists not only can deter-

mine the round-trip travel time of a laser pulse from Earth to the Moon and back again, but can also calculate with unprecedented accuracy the actual changes in distances between the two bodies.

"Now we have a history of (these changes) for 20 years," Dickey said in an interview. "We're learning so much about the Moon, how it wobbles, how it vibrates and we have this data from

four sites on Earth.

"We know the Moon is moving away from the Earth at about an inch and half (3.80 cm) a year and we know that quite accurately — that's pretty exciting."

While scientists and poets alike need not fear the Moon "is getting out of Earth's orbit," the two planetary bodies definitely are moving apart, resulting in long-term changes in Ear-

th's rotation, she said.

Among some of the suggestive evidence gleaned from the laser experiments, Dickey noted the potentially startling possibility the Moon's core may be liquid, not solid.

"As we do more of these experiments, we should be able to find out if there really is a fluid core, but that's not definitive yet," she said.



Adoptive parents?

The Duke of York talks with the Duchess of York after boarding a boat to cruise the Saguenay Fjord in Quebec to observe Beluga whales on Monday. The Duke and Duchess adopted a whale earlier in the day. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Algae force Italy to re-think

RIMINI, Italy, July 18 (Reuters) — A slimy dirty-white scum has polluted resorts along a 200 km (125-mile) stretch of the Adriatic coast, one of Italy's biggest tourist money spinners.

The repulsive sticky substance is caused by a type of algae that thrives on the rich phosphates and fertilisers spilled into the Adriatic from the River Po in Italy's northern industrial heartland.

Arnaldo Forlani, leader of the dominant Christian Democrat Party said the Adriatic was on the brink of ecological and economic disaster, the effects of which "would be like closing (Italian car giant) Fiat 10 times."

It's mid-July but Rimini, capital of the "Italian California" has recently had an off-season atmosphere.

Deckchairs and gaily-striped umbrellas 15 rows deep line the beach as far as the eye can see but the loudspeaker trumpeting the attractions of some of the town's 200 discos addresses a growing number of empty seats.

Every morning, mechanical diggers arrive at the water's edge to shovel away the sticky mass washed up by the tide in an attempt to save a season that traders say is already lost.

"The economy of the entire region is on the rocks. Not just this season has gone up in smoke but the prospects for the future are zero," Rimini hotelier Mario Petrucci said at a stormy protest meeting of the town's traders last week.

Tourist officials say about 12,000 Italian and foreign tourists have cancelled holidays in Rimini, Riccione, Cattolica and other resorts, a resort for Germans, Swedes and Austrians.

Of those who remain only a handful — usually egged on by television crews — venture into a sea covered by what resembles the froth on a cup of Cappuccino coffee but is in fact a carpet of slime.

Until efficient water purifying plants are installed to handle the waste from the industries and farms of the Po valley, the algae will continue to grow in the Adriatic, rot on the surface and drift landwards for years to come, experts say.

Statements by the Italian Health Ministry that the slime is not harmful — except possibly to children, the elderly, the sick and anyone with cuts or grazes — bring little comfort to the people of Rimini.

"The sea is effectively out of bounds anyway because nobody wants to dive into that stuff," Petrucci said to a chorus of cheers and calls for Health Minister Carlo Donat Cattin to come and try for himself.

Tourist officials say hotels along the coast, which earns almost a third of Italy's holiday revenue, will lose more than two trillion lire (\$1.4 billion) this season because of a drop of up to 40 per cent in bookings, mostly from West Germany and Austria.

Unusually wet and stormy weather, which ironically sends the scum briefly back out to sea when the beaches are deserted anyway, and a short-lived scare in June about food poisoning from mussels haven't helped.

But these are merely passing fears compared with the worrying future facing towns like Rimini, with 3,500 hotels and boarding houses and 600 bars and pizzerias, because of the danger that the Adriatic will become more of a liability than an asset.

The Rome Parliament is in the slow process of approving a 1.3 trillion lire (\$980 million) three-year plan to clean up the River Po and the Adriatic which was proposed a year ago when the algae first appeared in a less offensive form.

But Rimini has little faith in government promises and the council has decided to experiment with a two-km (1.5 mile)-long floating barrier of the type used to contain oil slicks to keep the jelly-like froth at bay.

Other short-term solutions include ambitious proposals to pump air under the waves to disperse the slime, build swimming pools and water fun fairs on beaches and explore new markets like the Soviet Union and Hungary to fill hotel rooms.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

FRANKFURT: Sixteen Frankfurt prostitutes occupied a city council office yesterday in protest at attempts to make them move a mobile brothel set up when they were evicted from the red light district.

The women are plying their trade in bright red buses in a deserted industrial area, but the city planning officer said last week they were parked illegally.

Frankfurt, West Germany's banking capital, plans to renovate the dingy red light district around the main railway station as a showcase for the financial sector.

But Frankfurt prostitutes, estimated to number between 1,500 and 2,000, complain that working conditions in some tolerance zones are unbearable. There are no houses, no toilets and in many cases no shelter from rain. (Reuters)

NEW YORK: A boy who was impaled on an iron spike has a metal plate in his jaw, some numbness in his mouth and a tooth missing, but he is talking again and probably will leave the hospital this week.

Julio Castillo, 15, slipped on July 8 as he tried to climb a 6-foot (1.8 metre) tall, wrought-iron fence to retrieve a baseball.

A square spike about an inch (2.5 centimetres) wide entered his throat below his jaw and came out his mouth. Wearing a bandage around his

neck, Julio told reporters at a news conference yesterday that the ordeal didn't really hurt much, but that he was afraid of "them burning me with those things they were cutting me out with." (AP)

LOS GATOS, California: A burglar has thwarted Elvis impersonator Charlie Stickerod's plans to appear in a Moscow show for Russia's first lady in an original gem-studded suit designed for the rock 'n' roll singer.

Stickerod's glitzy white gabardine Elvis suit and cape, studded with blue and red stones and gold stars, was stolen from his living room by a bandit who left behind other Presley memorabilia, including 24-karat gold records.

"It had to be someone who wanted that suit," Stickerod, 37, said. "I don't know what to do."

Stickerod had planned to retire the suit after appearing in a show in October in Moscow for Raisa Gorbachev, wife of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Russia's first lady is an Elvis fan who would recognise the suit, Stickerod said. (UPI)

ANIF, Austria, Austrian conductor Herbert von Karajan, who died on Sunday at the age of 81, was buried quietly in a private family ceremony in his home village last night.

As spokesman for the Salzburg Festival, which Karajan dominated for

over 25 years, said today that the conductor, one of the towering figures in post-war classical music, was buried in the local church in Anif near Salzburg, where he lived.

The service was restricted to family and a few close friends at the request of his widow and two daughters. The first word of it emerged this morning. Karajan's family stand to inherit a fortune estimated by some papers as high as \$270 million from his 900 recordings of classical music, property in several countries and other assets such as a private plane. (Reuters)

MOUNT KISCO, New York: F. William Lyne, an editor in the photo department of the Associated Press, died here yesterday just over two months after undergoing brain surgery. He was 60.

Lyne joined the AP in 1983 after nearly 40 years with United Press International, where he had been head of photo operations.

At the AP he undertook the editorial direction of Laserphoto II, the news agency's satellite operated system of delivering photographs to newspapers.

Lyne had been vice-president of newspapers for UPI after holding a variety of editorial positions. As photographer and photo editor he covered the early days of the space programme, the civil rights movement, sports and politics. (AP)

HOUSTON, Texas: A hot air balloon struck a power line and erupted in flames, on Sunday, killing one man and critically wounding another.

The survivor was transported by helicopter to Hermann Hospital, where he was listed in critical and unstable condition with third-degree burns over 95 per cent of his body, said hospital spokeswoman Kathleen Byard.

The names of the victims were not immediately released pending notification of relatives.

Sheriff's investigators said the collision with the 40-foot (12.2 metre) power line apparently severed the balloon from the wicker gondola, possibly dislodging one or more propane burners.

Leland Want, working at a construction site nearby, said he pulled the survivor from the wreckage before it exploded.

"The other guy was still inside, where all the fire was inside the basket, and there was some kind of propane tank on top of him," said Want. "He wasn't moving or anything so I figured he was dead." (AP)

LAKE CHARLES, Louisiana: A woman hit the gas pedal instead of the brakes and drove through a plate-glass window into City Hall, causing up to \$30,000 in damage, the mayor said.

"We're lucky it was Sunday and not Monday," said Mayor Jim Sudduth, noting that an employee usually sits next to the window the car went through.

The vehicle broke two tail window panes, an air-conditioner, an internal wall partition and water lines and knocked down a computer and printer, said Sudduth.

The 84-year-old woman, whom officials refused to identify, was treated at St Patrick Hospital and released. (AP)

## Air traffic computers lose data

## Near collisions drop

WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP) — A congressional study of the nation's system for guiding aircraft says some air traffic controllers work without video screen information on altitude, speed and direction for up to 16 minutes.

But a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Agency said yesterday that safety had not been compromised, thanks to adequate backup systems. "The long and short of it is that controllers are not working in the blind when these things occur," Dick Stafford said. "Backup systems provide them with information — not as good as the regular information — but we're not going to put more aircraft in the sky than can be safely handled at any given time."

Sen. Frank Lautenberg yesterday released a draft of the study he had commissioned in March 1988 from the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

He also released a companion draft of a GAO report on efforts to reduce near collisions. It showed 231 of 326 such incidents involving commercial flights in 1988 were classified as serious.

But Stafford said incidents of near-midair collisions are actually declining.

He said the number of reports dropped by 33 per cent in 1988 to their lowest level since 1985. Through the first five months of 1989, he said near-collision reports were down another 23 per cent from the same period in 1988.

In its study on the facilities used by air traffic controllers, the GAO recommended that Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner direct the FAA to take action that would avert further interruptions of air traffic functions.

"Computer capacity shortfalls at terminal area facilities are widespread," the study said. "FAA did not recognise these capacity shortfalls until controllers began experiencing lost, flickering or delayed data on their displays."

The FAA plans to overhaul the existing traffic control systems with new equipment in the mid-to-late 1990s, but the report called for Skinner and the FAA administrator to study available alternatives for the next 10 years.

The GAO found between June 1988 and June 1989, computers at 27 of the FAA's 63 larger airport radar control centres were overloaded.

The study said the problem could worsen with a requirement, in effect since July 1, that all planes flying within 30 miles of large traffic control centres be equipped with transponders that transmit altitude information. The requirement, which affects 44,000 additional aircraft, was designed to reduce near collisions.

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, which represents — nearly 300,000 operators of small planes, want that requirements withdrawn.



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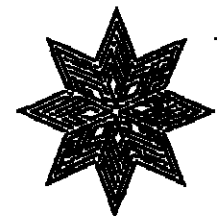
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# Loaded for BEAR

'Proton Torpedo' passes test

WASHINGTON, July 18, (UPI): The Pentagon announced yesterday the first successful test in space of a neutral particle beam, dubbed the "Proton Torpedo," a major part of the US "Star Wars" anti-missile research programme.

Military scientists believe the beam will be able to distinguish decoys from real nuclear missiles in space and also will kill enemy missiles by damaging their internal electronics.

The 24-foot (7-m), 3,500-pound beam accelerator was launched on a second stage of a Minuteman 2 missile from New Mexico's White Sands missile range last Thursday for a nine-minute suborbital flight called "BEAR for Beam Experiment Aboard Rocket."

The neutral particle beam — an energised beam of hydrogen atoms that has no net electrical charge — operated on command for four minutes of the test, firing pulses into space every five seconds.

The particle beam is one of three legs of directed energy weapons research by the Strategic Defence Initiative, popularly known as the "Star Wars" programme. The other two legs are chemical lasers and free-electron lasers.

"The particle beam worked perfectly. That's a major engineering achievement," Air Force Col. Thomas Meyer, director of SDI's energy office, said at a news conference.

Unlike lasers that slowly burn



US Army Lieut Col Warren Higgins, former head of the BEAR programme, displays a piece of aluminium with a hole burned in it from a ground test of a neutral particle beam. (Reuters wirephoto)

through metal, the neutral particle beam travels at half the speed of light and penetrates deep within a target where "all the energy is released simultaneously," through heat, Meyer said.

"We call them proton torpedoes," he said.

The heat of the neutral particle beam can attack and "screw up" the guidance system and other

electronics of a missile in its post-boost phase at 72 miles (115 km) or higher, effectively killing the missile, Meyer said.

Using less energy, he said, the beam "goes right through" a target missile and the physical reaction that bounces back tells "almost the exact weight" of the missile, which would indicate whether it was a real warhead or a decoy.

## Moscow and US agree on arms ban

NEW YORK, July 18, (AP): The United States and Soviet Union have reached agreement on key elements of a treaty banning chemical weapons, including a timetable for destroying them and procedures for inspecting production plants, the New York Times reported today.

But President George Bush and two top aides, flying back to Washington from a 10-day European visit, said they did not have any information on such an agreement.

"It would be a pleasant surprise," Bush told reporters, adding that verification "is what has thwarted an agreement all along."

"I'd like to see that in writing before I get euphoric about it," he added.

His Chief of Staff John Sununu, and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, also told reporters aboard the presidential plane that they also did not have information about the reported agreement.

A State Department official told The New York Times that the two sides had agreed in principle on "a mathematical formula" prescribing the amounts and types of chemical weapons to be destroyed over a 10-year period.

They also agreed on procedures for highly intrusive surprise inspections at sites where one country suspects the other of cheating.

The superpowers' recommendations will be submitted to the 40-nation conference on disarmament in Geneva, the newspaper reported.

The United States and the Soviet Union have the largest arsenals of such weapons.

The Geneva Protocol of 1925, adopted after poison gas in World War I produced 1.3 million casualties, prohibits the use of chemical weapons but not their manufacture or stockpiling.

Discussions on a chemical weapons treaty have been conducted on and off in Geneva for eight years.

Max L. Friedersdorf, the head of the United States delegation to the Geneva conference, told The Times that "we reached agreement on a very complete, detailed proposal for the conduct of challenge inspections."

Under the agreement, some chemical weapons and production equipment would be destroyed annually, but each country could retain some weapons to protect itself until the end of a 10-year transition period.

If it is ratified, the new agreement could curtail the spread of chemical weapons by making it more difficult for Third World nations like Libya and Iraq — prime suspects in the use or manufacture of such weapons — to obtain them, The Times reported.

The 40 members of the disarmament conference include Iran, Egypt and Morocco. Twenty-eight observers to the conference include Iraq, Syria and Libya.

The United States and the Soviet Union also agreed to a comprehensive exchange of data on chemical weapons, including sites for their production and storage, said James H. Granger, the deputy head of the American delegation to the Geneva conference.

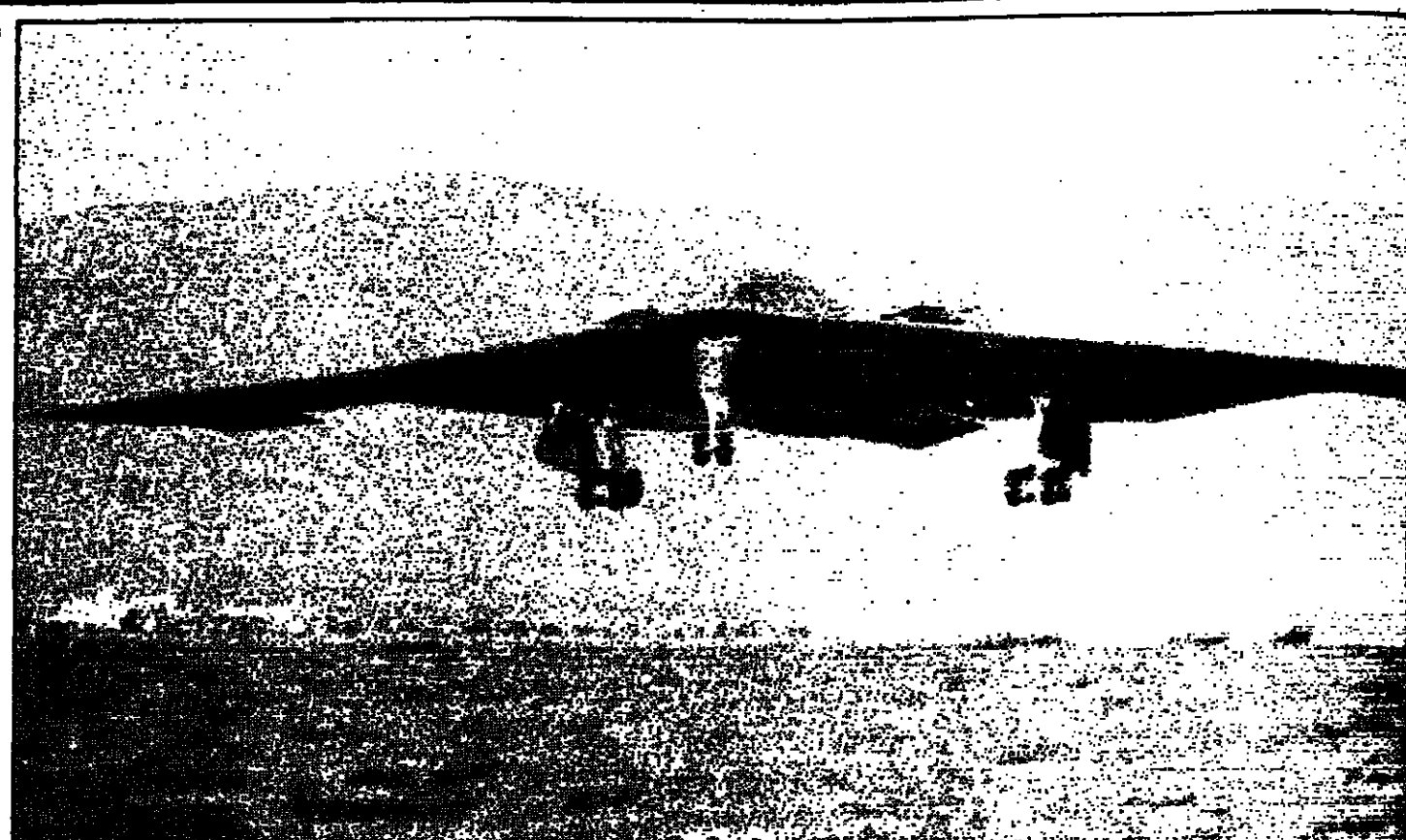
Soviet authorities say they have no more than 55,000 tons of chemical warfare agents, but Western intelligence agencies estimate they might have as much as 300,000 tons.

The United States resumed production of the components of chemical weapons two years ago, lifting a moratorium declared in 1969 by former president Richard Nixon.

'A myth'

A senior Soviet official said yesterday the Kremlin could see the day when the NATO and Warsaw Pact military alliances are not needed, and rejected Western insistence that his side currently enjoys superior strength.

Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, special military adviser to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, made his comments during a debate with Gen. Wolfgang Altenburg, chairman of NATO's military committee, the highest military authority in the Western alliance.



The B-2 Stealth Bomber gains altitude after clearing the end of the runway. (Reuters wirephoto)



The Stealth lifts off the runway at Air Force Plant No. 42 in the Mojave Desert on Monday on its maiden flight in California. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bomber yet to clear budget hurdle

## Congress hails Stealth flight

WASHINGTON, July 18, (AP): Republicans and Democrats, hailing the first successful flight of the B-2 bomber, warn that the half-billion-dollar aircraft must still clear the "checkbook hurdle" in Congress.

The radar-evading bomber, accompanied by two F-16 fighters, performed test maneuvers during a nearly two-hour flight yesterday in Southern California — a maiden excursion 18 months behind schedule.

Despite the success, lawmakers stressed that the Stealth bomber, which at about \$500 million a copy is the most expensive plane in history, looms large on the radar screen of the budget-conscious Congress.

"I think there's a great deal of reluctance to spend that much money per airplane," said congressman Newt Gingrich of Georgia, the No. 2 Republican leader. "The president and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney will have to work hard to carry a vote in the House."

The US Defense Department has proposed \$4.7 billion for the Stealth bomber in the fiscal 1990 budget and about \$24 billion for the programme during a peak three-year spending period in the mid-1990s.

The House Armed Services Committee last month slashed \$800 million from spending for the B-2 programme on Friday, the Senate armed services committee trimmed \$300 million from the US administration's request

and included a series of testing requirements before the plane could go into full production.

The full House and Senate take up the defence bill, and the spending level for the B-2, next week.

"I think it's going to be one of the most controversial items in the defence authorisation bill," said House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, a Democrat. "Right now I would say it's an uphill fight for the B-2."

Congressman Les Aspin, chairman of the House armed services committee, said the bomber just cleared one hurdle. But the test programme just begun has far to go to answer all the technical questions.

"And the B-2 has still another hurdle to clear — the checkbook hurdle. The issue is whether it's worth the price."

Members of the House plan a number of amendments on the B-2, including a measure that would mothball the production line after the manufacturer, Northrop Corp., has produced 13 bombers.

After testing the evaluation, Congress would have an opportunity to decide whether to continue or kill the programme.

Introducing the amendment will be an unusual coalition — Republicans John Rowland of Connecticut and John Kasich of Ohio and Democrat Ronald Dellums of California.

The three members are planning an all-out effort to win support for the amendment, including calls and letters to their colleagues. But at least two members indicated yesterday they won't support the measure.

"Right now I'm going to offer an amendment to sustain the Cheney budget, including full funding for B-2," said congressman William Dickinson of Alabama, ranking Republican on the Armed Services Panel.

"I think that at this point total termination of the programme is probably premature," Aspin said.

Rowland, in response, said, "only in Washington can you spend \$9 billion and be accused of terminating." The amendment would include spending that amount to meet its requirements.

While the battle lines were clearly defined on the House side, members of the Senate generally expressed their support for the programme.

"It is good news that the first flight of the B-2 appears to have been highly successful," said Sen. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Armed Services Panel.

Sen. John Warner, ranking Republican on the Senate armed services committee, said he was "very proud as an American with this accomplishment coming 20 years after man landed on the moon."

## Troops shoot protesters

8 wounded in San Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, July 18, (Agencies): At least eight people were wounded when government soldiers opened fire near the University of El Salvador last evening, officials said.

The shooting occurred just after a student march to protest the alleged detention Sunday of the leader of the General Association of Salvadoran Students, Rene Antonio Cruz.

Students have said Cruz was taken away by armed men and accused security forces of being behind the incident.

University official Mauricio Mejia said soldiers opened fire in the 90-minute episode that left hundreds of students trapped inside campus buildings.

An Army officer said the soldiers fired after being shot at from inside the school. Molotov cocktails also were thrown by demonstrators, he said.

But the leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front rebel group, in a broadcast on Cadena Sonora Radio station, denied its rebels shot back at the troops. A spokeswoman for the group said, "none of our urban commandos participated



Members of the Salvadoran Red Cross evacuate one of the students injured when violence erupted on the University of El Salvador campus. (Reuters wirephoto)

in this propaganda stunt pulled by the government." The government closed the university in 1980, saying it was a sanctuary for subversion. It was reopened in May 1984.

## Nicaragua celebrates 'day of joy'

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, July 18, (AP): Celebrations marking the 10th anniversary of the Sandinista Revolution have been low-key at a time when the economic crisis gripping Nicaragua has left the government short of cash.

Highlighting the celebrations is a mass rally scheduled for tomorrow at the Plaza of the Revolution, in front of the ruins of the Cathedral, never repaired after the 1972 earthquake.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega inaugurated a two-day symposium, "democracy and revolution," yesterday with a speech in which he maintained there is more democracy in Nicaragua with the Sandinistas than in the United States.

No heads of state were expected to attend. However, former Mexican Presidents Luis Echeverria and Jose Lopez Portillo were listed as attendees.

Echeverria was scheduled to attend the today's symposium held at the auditorium of the Olof Palme Convention Centre in the government complex.

Last night, the two popular events in the capital of Managua were the Little Miss Revolution Pageant, a contest for pre-teen girls, and a dance at an open-air fairgrounds called La Pinata with a Costa Rican band.

Yesterday was dubbed the day of joy, reflecting the widespread feeling in Nicaragua on July 17, 1979, the day the late President Anastasio Somoza fled in the pre-dawn darkness on a flight to Miami. The Sandinistas marched victorious into Managua two days after.

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## Noriega's exit negotiable: government officials

PANAMA CITY, Panama, July 18, (AP): The government insisted that Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega would not give up power as Panama's de facto leader, but agreed late yesterday to negotiate over the opposition's demand that Noriega leave.

An agenda for future negotiations — including a discussion of Noriega's status — was approved at the end of two days of talks between the government, the military and the opposition. The talks were mediated by diplomats from the Organisation of American States.

Negotiations will resume when the opposition representatives return from an OAS meeting

tomorrow in Washington, DC, a government representative said.

The opposition has demanded that Noriega step down as chief of the Panamanian Defence Forces, a position from which he acts as the country's de facto ruler.

International observers say that opposition candidates won the May 7 elections by a 3-1 margin over the candidates supported by Noriega.

The United States has been trying to orchestrate Noriega's ouster since he was indicted in the state of Florida in early 1988 on drug-smuggling charges. While yesterday's talks were in progress, Noriega

attended a session of the state council, which is studying a proposal for forming a junta after Sept. 1, when the current government's term ends.

Government and military representatives proposed an agenda that called for discussing an end to US economic aggression and military threats against Panama, withdrawal of additional US troops sent to Panama, the return of Panamanian money being held by the United States, strict compliance with the 1977 treaties that call for returning control of the Panama Canal to Panama by the end of 1999, and a halt to US interference in Panamanian political affairs.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Support abortion

ATLANTA, Georgia, July 18. (Reuters): The Jewish women's organisation Hadassah yesterday announced a campaign to mobilise its 385,000 members to support abortion rights after the US Supreme Court ruling allowing states to enact strict curbs on abortions.

Hadassah said leaders asked 1,500 chapters in the United States and Puerto Rico to join feminist and family planning groups to "oppose any attempts to restrict...the right to reproductive choice and/or use of family planning programmes delivering any and all services."

## Injunction upheld

VAL D'OR, Quebec, July 18. (AP): A Quebec superior court judge has upheld an injunction won by a pregnant woman's ex-boyfriend preventing her from having an abortion.

"A conceived child that is not yet born is a human being under Article 1 of the Quebec charter of rights and freedoms," and has the right to life guaranteed every person, Justice Jacques Vienne said in yesterday's ruling.

## Spray flags

GALLATIN, Tennessee, July 18. (UPI): A cleaning business angry over the recent Supreme Court decision allowing flag burning as freedom of expression is offering to spray flags with a flame-retardant material.

Randall Isaacson, vice-president of Servpro Industries, a gullatin firm that cleans businesses and homes, said yesterday the retardant will protect flags against 3,000-degree (1,650 C) fires.

He said some of the company's franchises in 47 states are charging for the service and others are not. In at least one case, he said, the charge is 1 with the money being donated to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC.

## Vintage cars

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18. (UPI): A 1928 SSK Mercedes drew the top bid of \$1 million at a weekend auction of vintage cars that drew 30,000 people to Moscone Centre.

About 500 cars went on the block and sales totalled about \$16 million with some cars going for between \$200,000 and \$300,000, spokesman Kurt Hazard said Sunday night.

Former baseball star Reggie Jackson sold 15 cars from his collection of about 120, the most expensive a 1963 Corvette offered for \$70,000.

## Heroin seized

WIESBADEN, West Germany, July 18. (Reuters): West German police have seized their second biggest haul of heroin and smashed a Turkish-run drugs ring, the federal crime office said yesterday.

It said in a statement police arrested a Turkish lorry driver and his companion at a motorway rest area near Heidelberg on Friday. Bags of heroin weighing 92 kg (202 pounds) were found hidden in the lorry.

## Drastic laws

MEXICO CITY, July 18. (UPI): The head of Cuba's parliament yesterday called for "more drastic laws" against drug trafficking and corruption amid the communist nation's worst scandal in three decades.

The official Cuban news agency Prensa Latina, reporting from Mexico City, reported President Severo Aguirre urged the 478-member national assembly of popular power to promulgate stricter laws.

However, the news agency did not say whether Severo recommended specific changes to give Cuba "more drastic laws."

## Columbia crew

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, July 18. (UPI): The five-man crew of the shuttle Columbia reviewed emergency escape procedures yesterday while engineers worked through a practice countdown in preparation for blastoff next month on a classified military mission.

The two-day dress-rehearsal countdown, a traditional milestone in shuttle launch proceedings, began at 8:30 am yesterday and ended today morning with the simulated ignition of Columbia's three main engines.

The ship's crew — Commander Brewster Shaw, 44, co-pilot Richard "Dick" Richards, 42, David Leestma, 40, Mark Brown, 37, and James Adamson, 43 — climbed aboard the orbiter early Tuesday for the final hours of the mock countdown.

## Councils dissolved

LAGOS, July 18. (Reuters): Nigeria's military rulers dissolved all the country's 449 local councils yesterday to stop councillors exploiting their office in the run-up to the first party elections since 1983.

Elections are due to start in December at local government level under President Ibrahim Babangida's programme to return Nigeria's 100 million people, the world's most populous black-led nation, to democracy by October 1992.

## Murder charge

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, July 18. (AP): A jail escapee appeared in court today charged with the murder last month of Communications Minister Malupu Bakaku. Australian Associated Press said.

Police said Lucas Bari Pena, 33, was arrested yesterday. Pena made no plea during his appearance at Mount Hagen district court and no motive has been established for the killing, they said.

## Children killed

MOSCOW, July 18. (Reuters): A military helicopter which crashed in Soviet Azerbaijan last week killed eight children on the ground, the official Tass news agency said yesterday.

The children had been chased away from the helicopter, on patrol in the town of Kelbajar, and had climbed on to the grandstand of the local stadium to watch it.

## Ethnic riots rage in Soviet Georgia

16 killed in violence

MOSCOW, July 18. (Agencies): Georgians and Abkhazians, some armed with automatic weapons, have been battling for three days along a resort strip on the black sea, officials said today. At least 16 people have been reported killed in the violence.

Ethnic rioters in numerous cities in western Georgia, including the Abkhazian autonomous republic, broke into prisons and police stations, stole firearms and shot up official buildings, according to several accounts.

The official news agency Tass said 16 people have died. Gizo Grzelidze of the Georgian Foreign Ministry said that as of yesterday 137 were hospitalised, including 15 in serious condition.

Tass said there were no new clashes yesterday, but a highly placed official in Sukhumi, capital of Abkhazia, described the autonomous

republic as remaining under virtual attack. On the border between Abkhazia and western Georgia, "masses of people are moving against the Interior Ministry troops," said the official, who refused to be further identified. "They are armed, with shotguns and automatic weapons."

"In effect, they are spreading terror," he said in a telephone interview.

Thousands of Soviet tourists in the resort area were reported trying to escape the ethnic violence, but transport was interrupted in the area, 870 miles (almost 1,400 kilometres) south of Moscow.

"There is no food. Seaside vacationers are desperate for means to leave the city," the Sukhumi official said.

Many Abkhazians are seeking their own republic, which would be the 16th in the Soviet Union.

The Georgian republic now administers the region in the caucuses mountains near Turkey. Some 94,000 of Abkhazia's 535,000 people are Abkhazian.

The fighting started on Saturday in Sukhumi, where both the minority Abkhazian and majority Georgians claim discrimination.

The Georgian newspaper Zarya Vostoka reported that on Sunday night, 5,000 people were armed in the Sukhumi area and gunfire was exchanged. Violence was reported in Ochamchira, Tkvarcheli, Gulripsh, Gali, and Gudauta in Abkhazia and in Zugdidi in western Georgia.

The official news agency Tass said officials had confiscated more than 300 firearms.

One battle along the Gumista river near Sukhumi involved at least 400 Abkhazians and Georgians, said Grzelidze, who read the Zarya Vostoka report over the telephone.

"Large groups of armed people moved in the direction of Ochamchira," but were stopped on the Galdize river by Interior Ministry troops, he quoted the newspaper as saying.

The official in Sukhumi said, "Abkhazians stood alone on the river for 10 hours, defending the border against Georgians until the arrival of Interior Ministry troops."

On Monday night, "a group of 300 to 500 Georgians crossed the river and attacked the village of Merkula," he said. Two people were wounded, one critically, he said.

The official said the attackers took two hostages, but that police later managed to free them.

Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin said yesterday that 3,000 police and troops had been deployed to keep order. The Sukhumi official said there were 3,500 troops alone in the area of Ochamchira, on the coast south of Sukhumi.

A Soviet troop commander flew in by helicopter to tackle ethnic violence, landed in the middle of a gun battle and negotiated an end to the confrontation, a senior officer said today.

Colonel Anatoly Ukolov told a news conference that Colonel General Yuri Shatalin had shown "exemplary courage" at the head of 3,000 troops airlifted into the Black Sea coastal region.

"He landed in a helicopter between the two sides fighting with firearms, established contacts between the two sides and then put an end to the matter without the use of force," he said.

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## Polish leader rejoins the race

WARSAW, July 18. (Agencies): Communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski rejoined the race for the Polish presidency today but said he was not certain of being elected.

He told communist parliamentary deputies who will vote in the National Assembly election tomorrow that he would be a party candidate, the official news agency PAP said.

Polish Radio also reported that Jaruzelski said he was unsure of winning and asked the deputies to endorse Interior Minister General Czeslaw Kiszczak as a second communist candidate.

PAP said Jaruzelski told the closed caucus meeting he had decided to run because of a "sense of duty" and because new elements had emerged since he announced two weeks ago that he would not run.

Polish Radio added that he asked the deputies to support Kiszczak — a move which would give the election the appearance of a two-man race.

Suppose "Taking into consideration that he may not be elected by the National Assembly, he asked for support for the candidacy of General Czeslaw Kiszczak," the radio said.

Jaruzelski, 66, who currently heads Poland's collective state presidency, said on June 30 he was withdrawing from the election because of his unpopularity for imposing martial law to suppress the Solidarity free trade union in 1981.

He proposed Kiszczak as the Communist Party candidate instead, but the offer was not accepted and the party has been pressing Jaruzelski hard to change his mind and run.

Army generals, other political groups and foreign leaders including Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and US President George Bush also pressed Jaruzelski to run.

Jaruzelski is widely considered the best man to take over the presidency, created under political reforms as a guarantee of national stability in a time of rapid political and economic liberalisation.

The 559-member National Assembly comprising both houses of Parliament meets tomorrow to elect the president.

The communists' 173 parliamentary deputies comprise only 31 per cent of the assembly but their traditional alliance with the small peasant and democratic parties and some Catholic deputies totals 300 votes — a 54 per cent majority.

Jaruzelski needs a majority of 50 per cent plus one to win. However, officials fear a handful of defections from the peasants and democrats could upset his chances. According to political sources at least 10 peasant and democratic deputies are ready to defy party discipline and oppose Jaruzelski.

Solidarity, whose 259 deputies and senators comprise 46 per cent of the assembly, is not expected to vote for the general who tried to crush it in 1981, even though moderates in the opposition movement acknowledge that he is the best man for the job.

Propose Opposition parliamentarians were meeting later today to decide how to vote.

They agreed last night to propose an open vote in the election with each parliamentarian identifying himself by name as he cast his ballot.

This appeared designed to force all the communists and their allies to vote for Jaruzelski, ensuring his election without the need for Solidarity members to support him.

Walesa ■ Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa may meet Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow before the end of this year, a senior Solidarity official was quoted as saying today.

Adam Michnik, Solidarity strategist and top adviser to Walesa, told the Moscow correspondent of the French daily Le Monde that talks with Soviet Communist Party officials said and individuals gave him the impression of a meeting was possible.

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Gene for disease found  
Blind hope

NEW YORK, July 18. (AP): Scientists said yesterday they had located a gene that causes one form of a blinding disease called retinitis pigmentosa, a potential step toward finding treatment for the condition.

The discovery puts scientists closer to isolating and analyzing the gene, which could help reveal the causes of the disease, said researcher Peter Humphries of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Retinitis pigmentosa, called RP, progresses from night blindness to tunnel vision to blindness. Symptoms are caused by degeneration in the retina, a delicate layer of cells at the back of the eye that detects images and relays them to the brain.

Humphries and colleagues studied a family near Dublin that has 100 living members, of whom half have RP. The work involved comparing genetic material from affected and unaffected family members.

RP comes in several forms. About 20 per cent of cases are caused by the "autosomal dominant" form, in which each child of an affected parent has a 50 per cent chance of inheriting the disease.

The gene in the new study may cause about half the autosomal dominant cases of RP, said study co-author Stephen Daiger, Professor of medical genetics at the University of Texas Health Science Centre in Houston.

Other scientists located the gene for another form of RP several years ago, but they have not yet been able to isolate it, Daiger said. He said isolating the newly located gene could take several years.

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Bush (wearing glasses) listens to the welcoming address Monday at The Pieterskerk (St Peter's Church) in the Netherlands with Queen Beatrix (right); Mrs Bush and Prince Claus von Amsberg. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bush winds up tour

'We must work together'

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, July 18. (Agencies): George Bush left for home today following a journey that focused attention on Eastern Europe and drew to a close with the US President trying to reassure the Kremlin there is nothing to fear from changes in the East bloc.

Bush left the Netherlands after what he called a lively discussion with Dutch politicians, including opposition leaders, over breakfast in The Hague that he said sometimes bordered on argument.

He said the environment was one of the controversial issues, adding: "Everybody wants the United States to pick up the cheque for everything."

But he added that after the talks, "they understand we are not rolling in money because of our deficit."

Bush said that among the highlights of his 10-day trip to Europe was the presentation by Hungarian Prime Minister Miklos Nemeth of a snippet of the barbed-wire barrier taken down from the border between the East bloc country and Austria.

The President also visited

communist Poland. He encouraged democratic and economic reforms in both Warsaw Pact countries and said he saw no fear of a possible backlash.

"They're not dwelling on that," he said. "There's too much hope, too much optimism. It's still there, but it's overpowered by the moves going on there."

Yesterday, Bush made a speech in the Dutch town of Leiden in which he outlined his views of the changes sweeping communist-dominated Eastern Europe.

"The Soviet Union has nothing, nothing to fear from the reforms that are now unfolding in some of the nations of Eastern Europe," he said.

"We support reform in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union... We understand as well, how vital a carefully calibrated approach is in this time of dynamic change," Bush added.

The theme of a measured response to the changes dominated his four-day trip to Poland and Hungary and was reflected in his careful balancing of praise for the communist authorities and

the democratic opposition in both countries.

"Our time is a time of great hope and a time of enormous challenges," Bush said. "The new world we seek is shaped by an idea — an idea of universal appeal and undeniable force, and that idea is democracy."

"We must work together toward the day when all of Europe — East and West — is free of discord, free of division," he said. "And they know, as we do, that ultimately, whatever the odds, freedom will succeed."

The speech drew a standing ovation.

Bush said a letter sent to the Paris economic summit by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, seeking closer economic co-ordination with the West, was evidence that Moscow was "moving in our direction, coming our way."

He added, "I want to see the Soviet Union chart a course that brings itself into the community of nations."

Bush said today he was thrilled by the outpouring of emotion he encountered throughout his East bloc swing.

## Soviet MiG-27 to replace Fencers

## Moscow withdraws bombers

EAST BERLIN, July 18. (Reuters): The Soviet Union has withdrawn 30 long-range bombers from East Germany and plans to take out another squadron soon, the official East German news agency ADN said today.

In a report from Moscow the agency said the SU-24 strike aircraft, codenamed Fencer by the Western NATO alliance, would be replaced by MiG-27 air defence planes which have a

shorter range and smaller bomb capacity.

ADN cited Major-General Nikolai Posrednikov as telling the Soviet news agency Tass the first 30 SU-24s had been rebased in the western Soviet republic of Byelorussia.

It did not say exactly when the aircraft were withdrawn but said the next squadron would be removed in the next few days.

The relocation was aimed at underlining the Warsaw Pact's

defensive doctrine and had been agreed by the seven allies in the East bloc military grouping.

The MiG-27s that will be drafted in to replace the SU-24s would be used in air defence, the general said.

"This battle equipment is more geared towards defence, which is in the spirit of the times and also corresponds to the obligations taken on by the Soviet state and its allies," ADN quoted Posrednikov as saying.

## Refugees worry about families left behind in Bulgaria

KAPIKULE, Turkey, July 18. (Reuters): Bulgaria says they are tourists, but these are trippers whose "wish you were here" postcards will never get home.

Thousands arrive at the Turkish border packed in cars full of what belongings they were allowed to leave with, others jam the daily "train of shame" that snakes through Bulgaria to Turkey.

"I left dad behind. He told me not to think of him, to escape and not to look behind," cried Aysegul, a 17-year-old eth-

nic Turkish girl on her arrival at this busy Turkish border post late yesterday.

Aysegul was one of over 163,000 ethnic Turks who have crossed to Turkey since early June, many of them complaining bitterly of leaving close family members behind.

"It is torture. The Bulgarians have cut telephone lines to Turkey and stopped mail. We cannot hear from those we left behind," said Necmeddin, 28, waiting at the post for news of relatives.

"When I left the hills around our villages were full of soldiers and dogs. They have even started collecting back the passports already given out. The soldiers grab whoever they find at home and send them to factories," he added.

Refugees said Bulgaria, due to a labour shortage in fields ranging from shoe-making to agriculture, was making it more and more difficult for able-bodied workers to leave.

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## The Gulf today

### Iraq revolution lauded

KUWAIT, July 18, (KUNA): A local Kuwaiti daily today poured praise on Iraq's accomplishments in the past 30 years, following the July 17, 1958 revolution.

In a front-page editorial entitled "A country and a revolution", the paper affirmed that Iraq has not only built an impenetrable internal front, but also started reconstruction while still at war with neighbour Iran.

It said that the July Revolution is implanted in all facets of life in modern Iraq, as "the revolutionary spirit is still filling Iraqi sails and pushing them toward new lands with bright dreams and ambitions."

The daily expressed admiration to the dignified stance with which Iraq confronted the long years of war and snatched a dear victory for itself and the Arab nation.

Today, Iraq is making headway toward a democratic society, by adopting a multi-party system, it noted.

"But the revolution is not only great with its principles, but also great with its men who continued the march," the daily concluded.

### Haj explosions deplored

JEDDAH, July 18, (KUNA): Heads and members of official haj teams from various Islamic countries have condemned the recent bomb explosions in Holy Makkah during the haj pilgrimage describing them as "criminal acts" that can be only perpetrated by elements remote from Islamic religion.

They said, in statements during a reception in their honour last night hosted by Saudi Minister of Haj and Awkaf Abdul Wahab Abdul Wase, that the Islamic world is following up Saudi Arabia's expansion projects in the two sacred shrines in Makkah and Madina, considering them the greatest Islamic service to the Muslim pilgrims.

The Saudi Press Agency quoted chief delegates of the Indonesian, Iraqi, Pakistani, Tunisian and Egyptian teams, who include ministers, as denouncing the twin blasts that killed a haji and injured 16 others last Monday night.

They unanimously approved the Islamic-endorsed Saudi Arabian decision to limit number of hajis from all Islamic nations to one per cent of their population.

They further expressed satisfaction with Saudi efforts to organise and facilitate a secure haj for all "guests of the merciful."

Saudi Haj and Awkaf Undersecretary Husam Khashoggi delivered a statement affirming Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz's keenness on serving the pilgrims and on ensuring their safety.

### Coup averted civil war

ABU DHABI, July 18, (AP): Sudan's new deputy leader, Brig. Zubair Mohammed Saleh said today that last month's military takeover aimed at rescuing Sudan from the dangers of a long-running civil war like the 14-year conflict in Lebanon.

Saleh told a news conference here that the June 30 coup took place because the civilian government of Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi was leading Sudan "toward a deep abyss."

Saleh arrived Sunday carrying a letter on the 15-member junta's objectives and prospects for peace talks with rebels in southern Sudan to the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan.

"The coup was the last chance for rescuing Sudan from a fate similar to that of Lebanon and we are going to exploit this last chance until the end," said Zubair, who will also visit Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Iraq.

The coup was led by Lieut. Gen. Omar Hassan Ahmed El Bashir. Rebels in the south, supported by Ethiopia, have been fighting since 1983 for greater autonomy and economic and administrative reforms.

"Just imagine if what befell Lebanon, which is a small country, happened to Sudan," Saleh said. "It would be a catastrophe."

He blamed "political corruption" for sending Sudan into the edge of catastrophe and causing its isolation.

Saleh claimed the Mahdi government and rival political parties had forged Sudanese policy-making and made the country dependent on foreign aid.

Saleh said he was optimistic over peace moves involving rebel leader John Garang, but made it clear that a settlement would not permit the mostly Christian southern region secede from the Muslim north.

### Sacrificial meat flown out

JEDDAH, July 18, (GNA): A Pakistani airliner yesterday took off with 2,710 frozen sacrifices bound for Peshawar in Pakistan, as part of the Saudi Sacrificial Meat Distribution Project.

The sacrifices would be distributed among Afghan immigrants and needy Muslims, and the total number of sacrifices delivered so far to Pakistan would make 24,704. Five flights to Peshawar and three to Quetta were arranged.

Meanwhile, 13 trucks left for Jordan carrying a load of 6,500 frozen sacrifices meant for distribution at the Palestinian camps, making the total number of trucks so far sent to Jordan within the framework of the Saudi Sacrificial Meat Distribution Project '84, with a total load of 42,600 frozen sacrifices.

12 other trucks also left for Syria with 6,000 frozen sacrifices for distribution among needy Muslims, making the total number of trucks so far sent there 15 with 7,500 frozen sacrifices on board.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Committee of African Muslims today said that the committee had so far distributed 20,981 sacrifices among 24 African countries contributed by donors inside and outside Kuwait.

In a statement issued by the committee, it said that 526 sheep were slaughtered in Gambia which were donated by charity-givers in Kuwait and distributed among hospitals, prisons and villages there, and 2,950 others were slaughtered in Malawi and offered to 146,867 poor families throughout the country.

# Jaber warns of Western culture invasion

## Media asked to guide youth

KUWAIT, July 18, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Ahmad Al Sabah has described the European single market as a great challenge to the Arab nation that should unite in face of the subsequent concerted Western cultural invasion.

Sheikh Jaber, speaking to a local weekly, said that such an invasion carries dangerous implications on life of Arab youth that could weaken their beliefs and personality.

Arab youth should be guided by their media to be able to confront foreign ideologies, the minister said and added that officials in other economic, military and political sectors should forge their own united stand to be able to withstand the coming tide.

Plans Speaking of his ministry's future plans, Sheikh Jaber said that efforts will focus on elevating competency of workers in various departments and develop-

ing the work mechanism to cope with the rapid advancement in all media spheres abroad.

He warned that slackening in such a process would mean that one day "no one will listen to our radio stations or watch our television programmes," but underlined that the development process should not affect "our traditions."

The minister reiterated that his ministry was studying the establishment of an institute for training journalists to

promote efficiency of national cadres in this sphere but called on the youth, working in this sector, to upgrade their own potentials.

Commenting on his recent Cairo visit, Sheikh Jaber said that agreement was noted in all areas of discussions and highlighted that Kuwait and Egypt share common history, language, religion and above all the blood of their sons which was mixed while defending the honour and dignity of the Arab nation against

the joint enemy. Asked on formation of the Kuwaiti information delegation to the Egyptian capital especially when it included producers, directors and actors along with media men, Sheikh Jaber said that he thought it was beneficial that media men as well as other artists should have face-to-face dialogue to secure best results and quick accomplishments and promised that the trend will continue in future visits.

## People interested in continued education

### Advantageous for manpower

COMMUNITY Service and Continuous Education is an extension of education services to gain knowledge in addition to standard school and university curricula. Continuous education is organised by authorities like Kuwait University, the General Authority for Applied Education and Training and others.

Therefore, it has now become necessary to design strong programmes commensurate with this type of education in view of their extended services.

Officials at this branch stressed that the Community Service programmes have now become more popular than before. Therefore need has arisen to conduct full studies on requirements towards this unofficial way of educating oneself. The General Authority for Applied Education and Training has therefore, conducted a study to ascertain the requisites of Kuwaiti society in the field of community service.

Manpower According to the study, education in Kuwait was built on the understanding that it should comply with organised official authority. But the modern definition of education has confirmed the importance of manpower and the role of the government in investing in this power. The study pointed out that the meaning of manpower here should include all individuals in society of all age groups and levels. It added that each individual should have equal opportunity for education.

Based on this modern view of education, the authority believes that to achieve maximum benefit of this definition, it should present individuals with programmes especially designed to develop manpower and to cover a wide variety of educational fields besides its current academic curriculum.

The study mainly aims at assessing community service programmes presented by the General Authority for Applied Education and Training in order to evaluate advantages and disadvantages at the present time. It also focuses at highlighting the ambitions and requirements of society members in this field of education. The study also discusses students background levels of education, programmes preferred by individuals, the adequate time for presenting these programmes, the adequate fees to join and advertising community service programmes via television.

Meanwhile, the study proposed conducting questionnaires among society members to obtain relevant feedback. The questionnaire will cover all levels and age groups. It will then be reviewed and recorded for comprehensive study.

The questionnaire prepared by professors and assistant professors at the authority included two samples of society members. The first is classified under a survey study intended to reveal the aspirations of individuals in the field of community service. The second sam-

ple is designated for assessment purposes revealing strong and weak programmes presented by the authority at the current time.

The survey sample represents citizens and Arab residents living at Kuwait's four governorates, the Capital, Hawalli, Ahmadi and Jahra. It also represents the views of both sexes totalling 4,787 individuals. The survey covered a high percentage of Kuwaitis representing 77 per cent, 22 per cent of Arab nationalities and only 3 per cent non-Arabs. It included 20 per cent of those less than 20 years, 20 per cent between ages 40 and 50 years and 60 per cent above 20 years.

The study revealed that a large percentage of individuals between the ages of 20 and 40 are interested in joining community service programmes. This interest tends to fade away in other age groups. It pointed out that different age groups have shown an actual need for programmes. Meanwhile, those carrying intermediate and secondary education certificates formed the largest percentage of those interested in completing their education. It said that most participants of the community service programmes are Kuwaitis and that the ages of educated Kuwaitis ranges between 19 and 35 years and non-Kuwaitis between 27 and 50 years. Most individuals who participated in the questionnaire showed more interest in joining television, repair, photography, automotive mechanics, tailoring and cooking programmes.

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Bingo winners

Arab Times Bingo No. 70 winners received their prizes yesterday. From left are Pereira Paul Braz (second full house), Shamaisah Malik (first full house) and Altaf Hussain (third full house).

### National manpower study

## Kuwaitis more aware of limited opportunities

KUWAITIS have become more aware of the fact that work opportunities are now limited and competition to obtain jobs is strong, Dr Abdul Rasoul Al Musa from the Department of Geography at Kuwait University, Faculty of Arts, said and added that a research publication indicated that Kuwaitis are also now aware of the fact that the development process in Kuwait needs educated and trained manpower.

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several authorities and individuals while only a few studies have been undertaken on nationals. He added that his study about expatriate manpower shows that shortage in national manpower means continuous dependence on expatriate manpower. Such manpower is procured from different countries without regard to efficiency and educational standards which have negative results on national manpower.

Musa said that in his study financed by Kuwait University and the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences that it focuses on the economic and administrative policies required for development.

Musa's study surveyed 1,200 Kuwaiti families amounting to a total of 2,300 workers. The results and analysis have been aided and classified through the use of modern computers. These results have been supported by expanded interviews with a selected cross-section of individuals.

### University admissions announcement next week

ADMISSIONS for students at Kuwait University for the academic year 89/1990 will be announced during the middle of next week after being approved by the Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Al Shamlan.

Sources attributed the delay to some reasons such as the accurate verification made by the admission office on applications of students in order to avoid any mistakes. They added that the most serious reason is the availability of more than 400 seats for Kuwaiti students in the science faculties which will not be occupied.

The administration delayed taking a decision in this respect till the return of Rector Dr Shuaib Abdullah who resumed his work yesterday after performing pilgrimage duty. The sources added that one of the proposals to solve the problem is to reduce the percentage of marks needed for admission for both graduates of science and arts sections of the Secondary School Certificate and to extend the period of submitting applications. This proposal will destroy everything built by the former administration on determining the minimum percentage irrespective of the number of students admitted, sources said.

The sources added that if the university reduces the percentage it will be obliged to admit Kuwaiti students who were not admitted during the last two years because they have the right to submit their applications if their SSCs were issued in the last two years. The sources added that Kuwaiti students are afraid of studying at Kuwait University after the increase in the number of students who were warned or dismissed after only one year of study. Kuwaiti students have other options such as the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Police Academy, Military Academy and scholarships of the Ministry of Higher Education. The sources added that the other imbalance in the admission is the increase in the number of girls in the scientific faculties (more than 70 per cent of students are girls) which requires careful study.

### BAHRAIN DIGEST

## GCC institutions urged to use banking institute

THE Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF) has urged all GCC financial institutions to use its training facilities.

Since its establishment in 1980 this unique financial institution has been offering comprehensive and advanced banking training to Bahrainis already employed in the banking sector. Last year BIBF, formerly known as Bahrain Bankers Training Centre, moved into a BD 1.6 million complex in Juffair with an extensive range of courses and facilities which rank among the best in the world.

According to Albert Woodhouse, director, the institute would like to open its doors to students from similar institutions as well as banks in other Gulf states in order to encourage them to make maximum use of the facilities available at BIBF.

Courses offered range from basic skills, which form the largest part of the institute's activities to an increasing number of advanced programmes. Specialised programmes in financial, banking as well as insurance are available for senior personnel.

So far Bahrain University is considering conducting joint venture seminars utilising resources of both institutions.

The BIBF has already established links with US Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington. Plans are on to invite prominent international representatives from these and other renowned institutions to provide training for Central Bank examiners at basic and advanced levels.

There is also the possibility to invite professors and lecturers from famous American universities like Harvard by next year at the BIBF for short visits.

## Optimism expressed at Zayed's UK visit

ABU DHABI, July 18, (KUNA): Two United Arab Emirates newspapers today expressed optimism over the results of the UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan's visit to Britain.

Daily 'Al Itihad' said comments by several British leaders reflect interest in the visit and a world appreciation for the wise leadership of Sheikh Zayed.

"This impression has been created by Sheikh Zayed through practice and relations with other states that are based on mutual respect," it said.

"Sheikh Zayed, as many people have affirmed, has proved to be a veteran statesman who knows how to establish friendly relations and on what bases relations should be laid."

It said Sheikh Zayed's voice will be widely heard in Britain, referring to his call on Britain to support just Arab causes.

'Al Wahda' newspaper also said the British welcome of

Sheikh Zayed and their praise of him points to the prominent status he occupies on the local, Arab and world levels.

"Such characteristics and his prudent leadership have enabled the country to achieve overall development and resulted in several conciliatory initiatives, aid and support for others and balanced relations," it said.

The English-language daily Gulf News also commenting on the UAE president's visit described UAE-Britain relations as being based on "a mutual fondness."

The Dubai-based daily said Sheikh Zayed during the visit will address "pressing matters" in discussion with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock.

"It will, therefore, be very likely that high on the list of priorities of matters to discuss, will be the PLO situation and the Lebanese crisis."

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### Science club training courses

An estimated four hundred students who are members of science groups at the Ministry of Education summer clubs are taking part in the third training course being held at the Science Club in co-operation with and under the supervision of the Ministry of Education.

During training sessions students receive training in different disciplines according to their hobbies and interests. They have been assigned different sections which include mechanics, electronics, aviation, plumbing, agriculture, astronomy and other spheres.

An official at the club said that students enrolled in the training course are from 18 summer clubs for boys and 10 summer clubs for girls. Picture shows students attending a session on auto mechanics.

### Petitioners complain

## State employees unprofessional

CONTROVERSY between people (petitioners) applying for processing various formalities at government institutions and employees has assumed alarming proportions and verbal disputes on numerous occasions in the recent past have culminated in fist fights.

A local daily conducted a survey to determine the reasons for the upswing in this uncivilised form of behaviour which is untraditional to Kuwaiti society.

Petitioners said that there are several reasons attributed to this scenario. Basically, they said that employees show a total disregard to "work-ethics" and conduct their responsibilities in an unprofessional manner. Some employees delay transactions deliberately, others do not process formalities and are unwilling to provide any reasons to the petitioner. Other employees project a "could not care less attitude."

A combination of these pivotal factors coupled with a host of other minor irritants all contribute to the flaring up of tempers and the loss of control among otherwise perfectly gentle and law abiding petitioners, the daily said.

Petitioners called upon officials to impose strict supervision on employees to ensure a smoother and organised method of dealing with petitioners.

Mohammed Abu Sino said that delaying transactions for several days, puts petitioners to severe inconveniences by way of them having to come repeatedly to the department. This causes overcrowding and results in tempers being frayed.

"Employees sometimes lose documents and this compounds the problem," he said.

He added that problems could be avoided by providing smoother and more organised procedures in completing transactions. He said that some petitioners should be blamed too. They try to break the queue system to complete their transactions faster which leads to disputes among petitioners themselves.

He called for increasing the number of employees to cover the requirements of petitioners.

### Disputes

Sameer Mohammed said that disputes between employees and petitioners are provoked when a petitioner waits for one or two hours in line in order to reach his turn and finds out at the end that his papers are incomplete, so he is told to come back on another day. He added that guides should be provided to explain requirements to petitioners. He added that some employees have no interest in work and are always busy talking with their colleagues.

Khaled Abdullah said that at most times employees are the ones at fault, in this case he said that petitioners should complain to the head officer.

Ali Mohsen said that though he is convinced that more often than not, employees are mainly responsible for the problems caused, petitioners also do come in for a fair share of criticism. The latter he said, did not behave in a civilised manner towards the system causing problems for themselves, other petitioners and employees.

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# Computers to make exit cards obsolete

## KD600 maximum penalty for violators

THE present system of filling of cards on leaving and entering Kuwait will become obsolete after the introduction of computers at the border and airport exits, Col Ahmad Al Wohaib, director-general of the Immigration Department said.

On the transfer of dependent

visas into working visas, the official said that this is permissible and can be done through specific set regulations through the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

**Humane**  
He added that the Immigration Department considers cases

of expatriates on humanitarian basis. As an example he cited the example of teachers whose services are terminated can get their residences extended until their children complete their examinations.

Another case of humanitarianism, the official said pertains to

male dependents who attain the age of 21 and cannot get their residences renewed as dependents. They can obtain a temporary residence of three months — giving them enough time to complete whatever formalities they might like.

On the issue of residency

violators, he said that in case of compromise, they will pay KD2 per day — with a maximum of KD600.

**Violations**  
Regarding visit visas, Wohaib said that there are no restrictions in granting these visas to any nationality — except Israelis.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Amiri audience

KUWAIT, July 18, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received Mauritanian Minister of Mines and Industry Ahmed Ould Jiddou where he conveyed to HH a message from Mauritanian President Maouiya Ould Sid Ahmed Taya.

The meeting was attended by Acting Minister of Trade and Industry Jassim Mohammed Al Khorafi and the Mauritanian ambassador to Kuwait.

### Premier's audiences

KUWAIT, July 18, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah today received in audience at his Diwan in Bayan Palace Commander of National Guard Sheikh Salem Al Ali, Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, State Minister for Housing Affairs, Nasser Abdulla Al Roudhan, Communications and Acting Public Works Minister Abdulla Al Sharhan, Planning and Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Rahman Abdulla Al Awadi, Finance and Acting Trade and Industry Minister Jassim Mohamed Al Khorafi, Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Suleiman Majid Al Shaheen and Kuwait's Ambassador to Jordan Suleiman Salim Al Fassam.

HH also received president of the Farmers Union Sheikh Ali Jaber Al Ahmed and publisher of Al Rai Al Aam newspaper Abdul Aziz Al Massaad.

### Prisoner exchange

KUWAIT and Egypt will shortly sign a bilateral agreement for the exchange of convicted prisoners.

Amongst the condition, the essence is that prisoners serving time will be deported to complete their sentences in the country of their respective nationalities.

### Soviet minister

KUWAIT, July 18, (KUNA): Acting Defence Undersecretary Hmoud Mohammed Al Otaibi today met with Soviet Deputy Defence Minister Konstantin Kochetov where both officials exchanged souvenir presents.

The meeting was attended by Defence Assistant Undersecretary for Foreign Supplies Sheikh Mohammed Abdul Aziz Al Jarrah Al Sabah, the Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait and the accompanying delegation.

### Trade agreement

ABU DHABI, July 18, (KUNA): The United Arab Emirates and the Soviet Union are to conclude a broad agreement for bilateral economic, trade and technical co-operation.

The agreement will be signed during the official visit to Moscow by UAE Economy and Trade Minister Saif Al Jarrah next September.

### 17 Pakistani pilgrims died

JEDDAH, July 18, (AP): Pakistan's Minister of Religious Affairs and Haj, Khan Bahadour, said today that 17 Pakistani pilgrims died as a result of sunstroke and accidents during the annual haj pilgrimage to Makkah.

The minister told a news conference in this Red Sea port that 12 Pakistanis died of dehydration and exhaustion from the 120-degree Fahrenheit (49 Celsius) heat, and five in accidents.

He was apparently referring to the five Pakistanis trampled to death during a fire that swept through their tent compound outside Makkah last Friday.

Another 34 suffered various injuries, according to official Saudi Arabian statements after the incident.

### Boy tries to sacrifice sister

RIVADH, July 18, (Reuters): A four-year-old Saudi Arabian boy tried to cut his baby sister's neck after seeing his father sacrifice a sheep on a Muslim holy day, a newspaper said today.

"He told his mother he wanted to copy his father whom he saw slaughter a sheep on the first day of Eid Al Adha," the English language Arab News reported.

The daily said the boy's mother stopped him as he held a kitchen knife to the neck of his two-year-old sister.

Muslims around the world slaughter sheep, cows and goats to mark the Eid and donate the meat to the poor.

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# Zayed arrives in UK

## Talks with Thatcher today

LONDON, July 18, (KUNA): President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan today arrived here from Geneva for a four-day state visit to the United Kingdom.

The UAE President was received at Heathrow Airport by Duke and Duchess of Kent and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Queen Elizabeth is scheduled to host a dinner banquet in honour of Sheikh Zayed at his residence in the Royal Palace in Buckingham.

Sheikh Zayed will tomorrow receive heads of diplomatic missions here among them the Gulf Co-operation Council ambassadors.

Tomorrow, the UAE President will meet with British Premier Margaret Thatcher for talks on issues of mutual interest.

**Talks**

The talks will also deal with means of strengthening bilateral ties, particularly in economic, political and military spheres in addition to the situation in the Gulf and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The UAE President is accompanied by a high-ranking delegation including member of the UAE Supreme Council and Ruler of Fujairah Sheikh Hamed Bin Mohammed Al Shouki, Defence Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashed Al Maktoum, representative of the UAE President Khalifa Al Suwaidi.

The delegation also includes commander of the Air Force and Air Defence Brigadier Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahayan, Oil and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Manaea Saad Al Otaiba and a number of senior officials.

The ministers who are accompanying Sheikh Zayed will hold talks with their British counterparts.

Over the last five years, Britain has been the second largest



UAE President Sheikh Zayed Sultan Al Nahayan is greeted by Queen Elizabeth II upon his arrival at Buckingham Palace.

exporter of goods to the UAE after Japan. According to British trade and industry figures, the UAE imported \$780 million worth of goods from the United Kingdom last year.

However, a slowdown in the UAE economy in the mid-1980s, due largely to lower oil prices, led to a general decrease in the value of imports from Britain — falling annually from the \$1.06 billion recorded in 1985.

But sources here said that throughout this period trade links between the two countries remained "strong and vibrant" bringing "substantial benefits" to both sides.

They pointed out that from September this year until March 1990 ten trade missions, organised by British chambers of Commerce and Manufacturers' Associations, would be held in the UAE.



Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf greeting General Kochetov before their discussion.

# Kuwait-Soviets review military co-operation

## Nawaf, Kochetov hold talks

KUWAIT, July 18, (AP): Soviet First Deputy Defence Minister Gen. Konstantin Kochetov met today with Kuwaiti Defence Minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah to review prospects of military co-operation.

Kochetov arrived yesterday on a four-day official visit.

The discussions which were attended by Army commanders and the Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait, Ernest Zverev, "deal with means of developing bilateral co-operation in the military field," a Defence Ministry statement said.

Kochetov was quoted by the Kuwait News Agency before

departure from Moscow as saying he was carrying "ideas for enhancing military co-operation," but said he was not going to sign new arms deals.

"Military co-operation between the Soviet Union and Kuwait is developing successfully. Military co-operation is an extension to political co-operation between the two friendly countries," he said.

"We are convinced that there are fields where military co-operation can be upgraded. The Kuwaiti side shares this opinion with us," Kochetov added.

Kuwait established diplo-

matic relations with the Kremlin in 1961 when it obtained independence from Britain. It stepped up its military dealings with the Soviet Union to unprecedented level in 1984, when former Defence Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, then on an official visit to Moscow, signed a \$325-million arms deal.

"The accord involved the sale of Soviet SAM-7 missiles to Kuwait and the dispatch of about 10 Soviet military experts to the Gulf Arab state to train Kuwaiti military personnel on the contracted weapons.

Another deal worth \$300 million was signed last year.

## Kuwait medical team praised

# Pilgrims return home

By Nashaat Al Agha

PILGRIMS began returning home as of last Saturday after performing pilgrimage duty. Some of the pilgrims joined the Kuwaiti caravans in the holy lands while others went individually. Kuwait International Airport was crowded with returning pilgrims who expressed their feelings and impressions about the pilgrimage season this year.

One of them, Mahmoud Jallad said that he performed pilgrimage duty comfortably. He added that the Saudi government is to be commended for their efforts to offer services and facilities to pilgrims. The season this year was peaceful with the exception of explosions perpetrated by some people who do not know anything about Islam.

They have insulted the sentiments of all Muslims and forget that protection of the holy ritual sites is the responsibility of all Muslims in the world, he added. Haj Saber Al Hindal pointed out that pilgrimage is one of the holy duties for Muslims which is to be performed peacefully by the guidance of mighty Allah. He added that pilgrims were confused by the criminal actions committed by some terrorists in Makkah.

Haj Abdul Aziz Al Yaseen said that pilgrimage is a great duty in the holy months. There should not be killing or fighting during these holy months. He added that severe actions should



Pilgrims at Kuwait International Airport.



Land arrivals telephone their relatives from the border.

be taken against those who offend peaceful pilgrims in the holy lands and in the holy months. He added that he did not face any difficulty during the performance of pilgrimage duty.

Haj Bader Al Mikhazeem thanked Allah for making the

pilgrimage peaceful and easy this year. He added that no diseases were reported among pilgrims this season. Another pilgrim Haj Rashed Al Rouk praised the role of the Kuwaiti medical team for pilgrimage in taking care of all pilgrims from Kuwait.

## Hospital report

# Drug list review requested

By Mahmoud Morsi

IT is learnt that the Psychiatric Department at the Ministry of Health two weeks ago submitted a report to the Ministry of Public Health asking that some drugs previously thought to cause addiction, be lifted from the list of drugs banned by the Drugs Law.

The department stressed that some of the drugs listed and banned by the law do not cause addiction and thus should be deleted. A number of psychiatric specialists from the Psychiatric Hospital and Kuwait University, shared in preparing the report. The drugs law was approved by the Council of Ministers one year ago.

Well informed sources said that by enlisting such harmful drugs in the law, many innocent psychiatric patients may suffer. The sources added that in order to avoid such actions against innocent patients, the department prepared the report because the law does not differentiate between harmful and harmless drugs. They claimed that on preparing the law, specialists in the field were not consulted.

Meanwhile, the drugs committee at the Psychiatric Hospital proposed after a meeting it held recently to stop providing patients visiting the addiction clinic any of the drugs that may cause addiction.

Such drugs will only be provided to patients at the Psychiatric Hospital on urgent necessity and for a period not exceeding two weeks. The committee also proposed the withdrawal of the Benzodiazepine drugs from all medical centres and hospitals. It proposed that the Ministry of Public Health issue details of the purpose of use, side effects, doses and duration of such drugs, based upon scientific information. The committee recommended that doctors be prohibited from prescribing more than one type of this group of drugs on the same medical prescription, and that doctors cannot privately prescribe any of these drugs.

Informed sources said that the reason behind such measure is that some of the patients who were given these drugs were using only half of the quantity they obtain and sell the other half, thus creating new cases of addicts, particularly among youngsters and schoolboys.

## 2 years, fine for drug paraphernalia

THE Criminal Court sentenced a man to two years imprisonment with hard labour and a fine of KD500 for possessing instruments related to heroin, but acquitted two other men accused in the same case because of a lack of evidence.

The court was told that a police officer gave "an informer" money to purchase heroin and subsequently raided the house of one of the accused. The raid did not result in discovering any heroin but the money was found. However, the police officer informed the court that he had not noted the serial numbers of the money.

On interrogation of the suspect, he revealed that he was associated with two others. A raid on their respective houses did not result in any drugs being found in either house. But, the police did uncover instruments used in heroin.

# PAAET organises parallel courses

THE annual report of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) showed that the authority organised several training courses at the parallel education schools last year. These courses included offset printing, electrical wiring, welding, carpentry, painting and decoration.

The report added that the authority organised several special courses at the request of some ministries and establishments which focused on mechanics, electricity, medical and health services, administrative services, storage and accounting.

It added that newcomers reached 2,214, registered 3,620 and graduates 1,440 in all centres, schools and courses of the authority during last year. The largest number of students registered is in the training courses (1,384 trainees) for ministries and government establishments.

## Utilities

The training courses are usually held in the afternoon at different places and some courses at locations which lack public services. The authority is using prefabricated rooms of Electricity and Water Training Centre in Shuwaik area for training about 700 students which are unsuitable. It is also using an old building which was a kindergarten in Hawalli to train 600 students. The building does not have workshops, labs or even other necessary utilities, the report said. The authority plans to build a specialised centre for special training courses in its future plans, the report added.

## Chances

It pointed out that students at the schools of parallel education are less than the seats available due to the weak co-ordination between the Education Ministry and the authority.

It added that only 23 non-Kuwaiti students are getting training at the Industrial Training Centre of the authority which means that these courses and training centres are completely used for training Kuwaiti manpower. The girls have limited chances to join training courses offered by the authority. It added that girls are only allowed to join some majors at the telecommunications and navigation centre and some special courses.

The report added that students registered in the applied education centre form 70 per cent of total students at the authority while the other 30 per cent are registered at the training sector. This shows that capacity of faculties of applied education is more than the capacity of training centres. There are 8,941 students registered in the applied education sector.

## Cost of parking high

# Lots inadequate, say patrons

By Ali Al Masoodi

EACH time you go to the market, the first thing that comes to your mind is where should you park your car to avoid a citation. Therefore, the answer is always to depend on parking lots distributed at most areas, especially within markets where small cabins are situated at the entrance of these parking lots in order to calculate the parking period and the price that you have to pay.

An official source at the company authorised to supervise these parking lots pointed out that the company intends to widen these parking lots and will build new ones at remote places and also in close proximity to public service areas.

Seyyash interviewed a number of car drivers to highlight their views and demands.

## Exaggerated

Fajer Saad said that the market is always crowded and it is hard to find parking space to avoid citations. He praised the government efforts in providing parking lots at highly crowded areas and added that the pricing method followed at these parking lots is good. But the situation has now become more exaggerated. All parking lots now acquire parking fees — unlike old days when there were some places where a driver could park his car at any time without paying. He stated that some fee collectors exaggerate charges and demand more money than what they are supposed to ask for. He pointed out that

cabin employees should realise that they are employed there in order to organise the situation and not to make things worse. He said that fees collected should be allocated to serve the interests of citizens through development plans towards improving parking lots. He advised officials not to generalise such parking lots at all areas so as not to lose its real objective.

## Civilised

Mustafa Shhaimel said that this method exists in most countries of the world. When leaving Kuwait, one can see that parking lots are built everywhere. He added that it is a civilised method if utilised well without exaggeration. He complained of the high fees of parking lots and said that only symbolic fees should be levied.

Fares Bishree, on the other hand said that parking fees at parking lots are adequate and not costly if forced to move from one area to another. He pointed out that fees received should be utilised for the improvement of parking lots. He proposed building car shades and more security men at parking lots.

Yousif Abdain one of the parking lot patrons demanded more censorship on cabin employees situated at parking lots entrances. He said that some employees mistreat customers and may charge more than what they are supposed to charge. He added that some cabin employees should not be permitted to work at these utilities because they treat lady drivers badly.



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Thought for today

WE learn from history that we learn nothing from history  
— George Bernard Shaw, English playwright (1856-1950).

Singular outlook

## PLO a sham in Shamir's world

FROM inside the office of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the world looks different.

To many outsiders it seems that the vast majority of Arabs in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip support the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and only the PLO can deliver a political settlement to end their 19-month uprising.

Those views are held by most Western and Arab governments, by international organisations, by relief workers active in the occupied territories, by the Israeli left and by many of the media reporters covering the uprising.

But for Shamir and his hard core of advisers, nothing could be further from reality.

To them, the PLO represents nobody but threatens everybody. Shamir and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, their spokesmen say, are engaged in a secret dialogue with unidentified "true, authentic leaders of the Palestinian Arabs in Judea, Samaria (Israel's biblical names for the West Bank) and Gaza."

The reason the names of these authentic representatives cannot be disclosed is that they fear instant assassination by "PLO terrorists."

On the same grounds, Arens said yesterday, these genuine civil leaders are afraid to contest the elections proposed by Shamir's national unity government to choose Palestinian peace negotiators.

The right-wing premier's aides have at least made clear who his mystery interlocutors are not — they are not the recognised nationalist leaders of the occupied territories.

Yossi Ben Aharon, director-general of Shamir's office, said in an interview that the prime minister did not need to meet people who parrot the PLO position.

Palestinian sources said they believed the prime minister had so far met a handful of supporters of Jordan who had little public following in the West Bank.

In a scathing attack on Shamir's refusal to talk to PLO supporters, veteran former Foreign Minister Abba Eban wrote in the Jerusalem Post: "We refuse to negotiate with those who are willing, and are ready to negotiate with those who don't exist."

Asked if Shamir would meet PLO supporters, Avi Pazner, the prime minister's media adviser, said: "We don't want any PLO involvement, either direct or indirect, period."

"One of the aims of these elections is to find an alternative force to the PLO. You have to bear this in mind when you look at our motives here," he said.

"We don't expect a green light from the PLO. We don't want a green light from the PLO," Pazner added.

This central view leads Shamir and Arens to blame resistance to Israel's peace initiative not on the fact that it ignores Palestinian demands for self-determination and an end to Israeli occupation but on US dialogue with the PLO.

According to their logic, Washington — which professes to support the Israeli plan — is undermining any alternative local Arab leadership by talking to the PLO.

Ben Aharon said this week that Israel's relations with its guardian superpower were approaching a "moment of truth" over widening US-PLO contacts.

The Foreign Ministry tells journalists and friendly governments that a wave of killings of Arabs accused of collaborating with Israeli secret police is the PLO's way of trying to sabotage Shamir's election proposal. (Reuters Occupied Jerusalem)

## Khmer Rouge still tyrannical

AFTER a decade out of power Khmer Rouge guerrillas retain hallmarks of the tyranny that turned Cambodia into a killing field from 1975-79, according to refugees who escaped from their control.

"Cambodia is finished if the Khmer Rouge (Khmer Rouge) regain power," said Hun Lon, an arms porter who escaped from a Khmer Rouge base in Thailand to site 2 refugee camp, just inside Thailand on the border with Cambodia.

The Khmer Rouge are fighting to topple the Hanai-backed Phnom Penh government of Prime Minister Hun Sen, whose administration faces an uncertain future when Vietnam withdraws its troops later this year.

An international conference on Cambodia opening in Paris on July 30 will attempt to resolve the conflicting claims of the four factions contending for power in Cambodia.

Thailand, alarmed when Viet-

namese forces pushed towards the border in 1978, has supported the Khmer Rouge and other Cambodian guerrilla groups.

This policy has officially not changed, but Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila has said Thai aid to the guerrillas will stop as soon as the Vietnamese withdrawal is confirmed.

Cambodians, diplomats and journalists say their current exercise of authority, if less brutal, is similar to its methods before and during its rule.

"It's not committing the excesses it did while in power, but it continues to abuse people in the name of protracted struggle for an independent Khmer Rouge state," said a Western diplomat.

Thai officials and foreign aid workers estimated the Khmer Rouge controls tens of thousands of guerrillas and up to 150,000 civilians in bases along the Thai-Cambodian border. Most are beyond the reach of Thai and United Nations relief workers.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1545 — French force lands on Isle of Wight against British.
- 1551 — Treaty of Kalsburg reaffirms Archduke Ferdinand's right to crown of Hungary and Transylvania.
- 1588 — Spanish Armada is sighted off Cornish coast of England.
- 1610 — Basil Shuisky, Tsar of Russia, is deposed after Swedish army under Jacob de la Gardie, sent against Polish invaders of Russia, is forced to surrender.
- 1712 — Britain and France sign truce.
- 1870 — France declares war on Prussia, opening Franco-Prussian war.
- 1907 — Emperor of Korea abdicates under Japan's pressure.
- 1918 — German armies begin retreat across Marne River after being defeated in their last great offensive in France during World War I.
- 1928 — King Faud stages coup in Egypt and parliament is dissolved.
- 1943 — Allied air force stages first raid on Rome, Italy, in World War II.
- 1956 — United States and Britain inform Egypt they cannot participate in financing Aswan Dam project.
- 1960 — Soviet Union protests to United States over plan to equip West Germany with Polaris missile.
- 1973 — Palestinian gunman seizes 17 hostages in Athens but releases them after being promised safe conduct out of Greece.
- 1975 — US and Soviet astronauts and cosmonauts end their two-day linkup in space.
- 1987 — Landslides and severe flooding in Italy claim 14 lives.
- 1988 — Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government celebrates ninth anniversary of its revolutionary victory.



An Indian boy, above 8 years old, works inside a brass factory where temperatures hit 100 degrees F.

20 million children shackled to jobs

## S. Asia's future in chains

NO sunlight penetrates the shed where Rama Shankar and six other boys toil for up to 18 hours a day over looms, knotting intricate patterns into high-quality carpets for export to the living rooms of the West.

"When we make a mistake, the master beats us with a wooden *lathi*," he whispered, drawing the shape of a club in the air for about 60 social workers from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh gathered at a south Asia seminar on child servitude.

Organised by the New Delhi-based Bonded Labour Liberation Front, which says it has freed 210,000 Indian bonded workers since 1979, the recent seminar was the first ever to feature testimony from exploited children.

The participants will present their findings to the UN Human Rights Subcommission when it convenes in Geneva in August.

Twisting the frayed ends of a stained cotton shirt in his thin fingers, the malnourished Shankar described the miserable conditions in the carpet factory in which he works, one of many in the Mirzapur district near Varanasi, 400 miles (650 km) southeast of New Delhi, that operate with bonded labourers.

Six years ago Shankar lost his freedom and his childhood when his father borrowed \$60 from a loan owner to pay for the marriage of Shankar's older sister. Shankar was ordered to work for the loan owner to pay off the debt at a rate of \$25 per yard (m) of carpet.

But after six months he had received only \$12 and

the debt had risen to three times the original amount because of the huge interest rates charged by the loan owner. Shankar said he was unsure of his age, which appeared to be about 12, but knows he is virtually a slave.

An estimated 200 million children are employed illegally in industries, agriculture and other menial labour across south Asia. Of these, approximately 20 million are shackled to their jobs by debt bondage, working for little or no pay.

And like Shankar's boss, lenders continually tack interest on debts to ensure a constant supply of low-cost labour.

"While we work for 18 hours in the burning kilns, these money-lenders work away in their offices. By nightfall, we find that our debt has gone up again," said Ashiq Masih, 14, who toils at a brick kiln near Lahore, Pakistan.

Bonded labour was outlawed in Pakistan two years ago, but it is not officially banned in Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh because those governments refuse to acknowledge the practice exists.

The Indian Supreme Court in 1975 formally abolished the bonded labour system, dismissing the debts of its prisoners and providing rehabilitation payments of about \$400 to each freed labourer.

But authorities in India and Pakistan have done little to enforce the bans because of corruption and bureaucratic sloth, forcing social workers to do it themselves by obtaining court orders or pressuring local officials into raiding sweat shops.

"We are earning foreign exchange with the blood

of our children," said former Indian Supreme Court Chief Justice P.N. Bhagwati, who wrote the landmark ruling banning bonded labour.

Bhagwati noted that the carpet industry brings India huge amounts of foreign exchange each year and that his own rulings had done little to undermine the ancient practice fuelled by greed and poverty.

"I wanted to use the judicial and legal system to improve the life conditions of my people," Bhagwati said. "But instead the poor are getting poorer and the rich richer."

The tales told by the more than 20 children who testified at the seminar covered different settings and tasks, but the misery and confinement were the same.

Sukh Rajna does not know why her father took a \$12 loan that now imprisons the two on their master's land. The emaciated 14-year-old accepts it as her fate that instead of going to school, she must spend dawn to dusk herding the landowner's four cows.

A large number of bonded labourers are from south Asia's numerous ethnic or religious minority groups and have been displaced from their lands, sometimes by projects designed to improve areas.

"The international aid agencies say they are against child labour, but often their big projects are responsible for the mass migrations that make child labour a necessity," said Syami Agnivesh, who as a social activist and Hindu monk in 1979 began the movement to end bonded labour in India.

(UPI New Delhi)

## Ruthless propaganda at work

## Chinese bullied into silence

"IT was nothing," said the lemonade seller of the gunfire and bloodshed at the end of his street six weeks ago, when Chinese troops smashed the pro-democracy movement in Beijing.

Under an unrelenting government propaganda campaign which condemns the civilian dead as "counter-revolutionary ruffians" and harshly punishes "rumour mongers," who disagree, most Beijing people choose to remain silent when asked about events which culminated in the military suppression of students protests.

At the south end of Nanchang Street, sandwiched between the Forbidden City and the compound housing China's Communist leaders, troops opened fire on local residents whose only apparent crime was to chant "bandits" at soldiers advancing towards Tiananmen Square nearby in the early hours of June 4.

Residents said two people were killed. At the time they bitterly denounced their government as "fascists." Now they are unwilling to speak about the incident.

Official notices on walls along the street urge residents to inform on "ruffians," "rumour mongers" and members of the pro-democracy organisations which sprang up in April and May.

Spreading "rumours" which deviate from Beijing's authorised account of the "counter-revolutionary rebellion" is a grave offence.

One "rumour monger" was jailed on July 13 for 10 years. He told a US television crew that 20,000 people had been killed during the crackdown.

Witnesses and diplomats believe many hundreds, perhaps thousands, were killed when the Army moved into central Beijing on June 4. Chinese authorities say 200 civilians and dozens of soldiers died. A factory director was reported to have been sacked earlier this week for listening to the Voice of America and "spreading its rumours."

Many Chinese now avoid public contacts with foreigners as they did during Mao Tse Tung's xenophobic Cultural Revolution of 1966-76.

An American woman described a chilly reception in one of Beijing's Christian churches. "I sat down in a pew and one by one the worshippers there got up and moved away from me," she said.

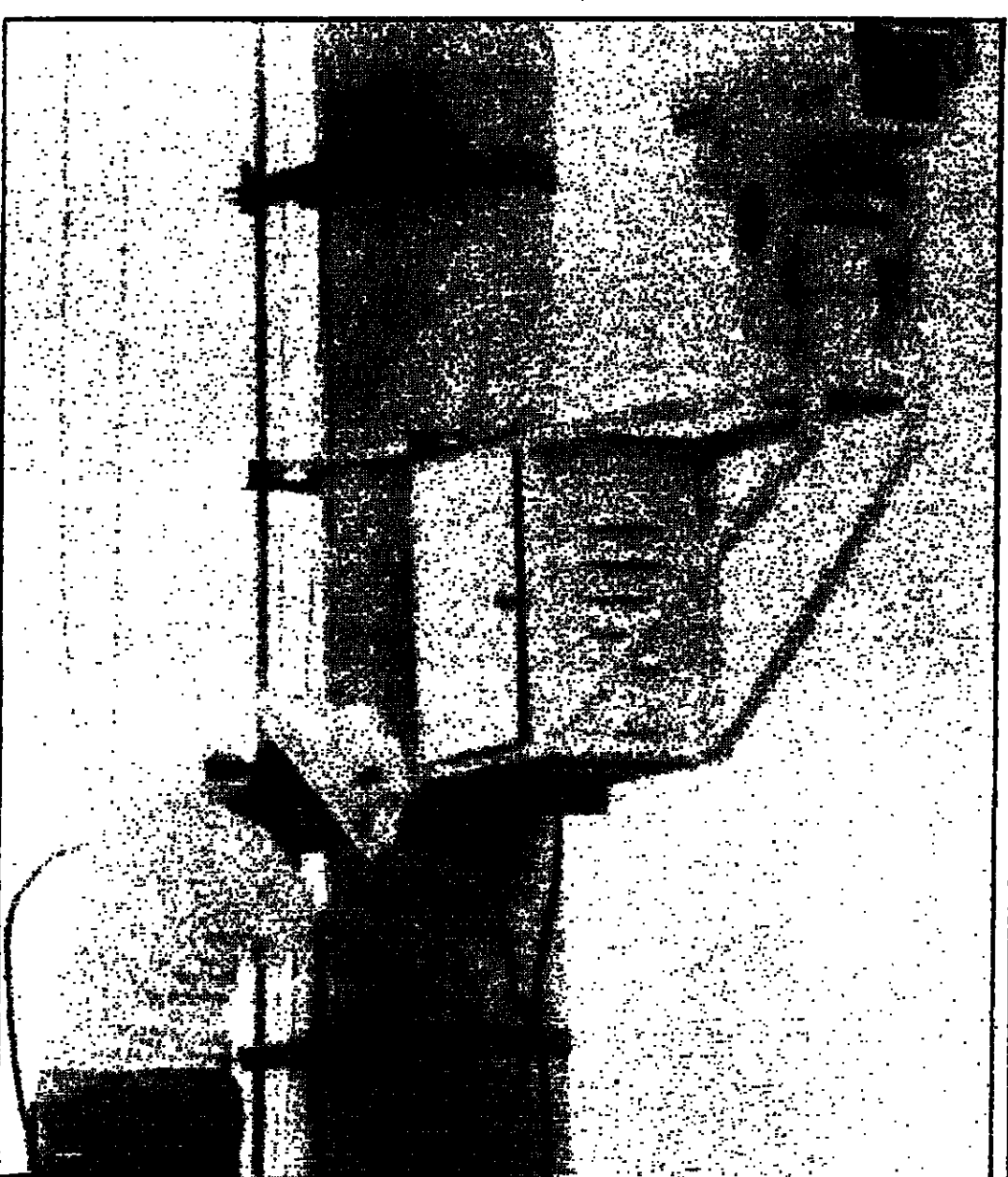
In the offices of some overseas companies, Chinese staff have returned to addressing foreign colleagues as "Mr" or "Mrs" instead of using first names, a Western businessman said.

In the wave of public anger immediately after the Army took action in Beijing, protesters vowed to spread the truth of the massacre across the country. Now many of those who still dare to talk say the task is hopeless.

"Beijing people know what really happened, but in the provinces most people believe the government propaganda," one young office worker in the capital said.

"My friend left to visit his hometown in the northeast, and everyone there asked him about the unrest. When he said soldiers shot innocent people they turned on him and called him a rumour-monger," he added.

The government's propaganda campaign is effective because it is composed of partial truths, one Western diplomat said. "It's not all lies. For instance it's true that mobs killed some soldiers, so we



A Chinese worker installs a surveillance camera above a Beijing intersection. Communist authorities used their wide network of remote cameras to identify dissidents during pro-democracy unrest.

hear every day about their heroism."

Ten soldiers have been named posthumously defenders of the republic and repeatedly cited in the official press, while some 200 civilians the government admits were killed by troops are scarcely mentioned except as a statistic.

Other political observers say propaganda and "ideological education" is being directed particularly at China's rebellious students and journalists.

"Everyone is being forced to attend meetings and declare that they oppose the chaos," said a student who recently fled overseas. "They will do it but in

their hearts they will know who was responsible for the chaos."

"Silence is safest," one well-travelled Chinese businessman said. "I have a family. I don't talk about politics or even think about it."

A Beijing civil servant, speaking privately, described the atmosphere as similar to the early stages of the Cultural Revolution, with informers reporting neighbours and in some cases even their own relatives to police.

"The difference is that then people believed in what they were doing, but this time it is just opportunism." (Reuters — Beijing)

## Fighting apartheid

## Equality etiquette

ANTI-APARTHEID campaigner Gael Neke once punched a comedian for telling racist jokes, but thought afterwards there must be a better way of delivering the message that race segregation must end.

Now her organisation Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) has published a booklet titled "101 Ways to end Apartheid," a compilation of suggestions on how the country's minority whites can work against race segregation in their daily lives.

One entry from a black person reads: "White people must learn to speak to us."

"Most whites I speak to either bark at me like a dog and call me 'chief,' or they speak slowly in baby talk."

The 50-page booklet by the FFF, a group seeking to build bridges between whites and blacks in politics and everyday life, says the task of building a non-racial democratic South Africa should begin with individual action by whites, politically dominant but increasingly fearful of efforts to dismantle race segregation.

The booklet, illustrated with cartoon depictions of apartheid as a dinosaur fighting inevitable extinction, lists phone numbers and addresses of anti-apartheid organisations.

It is the product of an FFF campaign last year in which ordinary people contributed ideas on ending race segregation.

Some ideas are conventional campaign approaches. Whites should write anti-apartheid letters to newspapers and politicians, join an anti-apartheid organisation, read newspapers addressed to the black community and boycott shops with racist staff.

Other suggestions have a more personal South African character.

"So many people with liberal ideas still treat their maids and gardeners like children. We must make sure we treat them like equals."

"Counter the fear syndrome by going with your domestic worker to his/her home."

The closest relationship a white may have across the colour bar is often with a black domestic servant.

White usually house their maids and gardeners in huts at the back of their property. Servants often live separately from their families and may have to stay in a "blacks-only" area many hundreds of miles (km) away.

"Learn to speak (your servants') language, and encourage your children to do the same... the majority of South Africans have English as their second or third language, and many do not speak it at all."

The book recommends joining a programme established near Pretoria in which white and black people share meals, homes and recreational activities at weekends.

To the wealthy it says: "If you can afford private education seek out a school which has a strong non-racial ethos rather than an elitist one with a token sprinkling of blacks."

On business, it recommends buying from hawkers and small black businesses to strengthen fledgling black commerce.

It advises tours of black townships and squatter camps, with visits not restricted to the few affluent black areas.

The government sponsors tours of Soweto, the country's largest black township, which take pains to show the township's affluent quarter while paying limited attention to slum areas.

The book recommends funding alternative newspapers by advertising in them, going to soccer matches in black townships. It says churches should help conscientious objectors who refuse compulsory military service.

One of the more sensitive recommendations in the book is to speak up whenever you see people acting in a racist manner.

"A quiet word to register your disapproval could help, but we shouldn't always shy away from an argument for the sake of keeping the peace."

Heated debate, at the least, is likely whenever anti-apartheid opinions are voiced among South African whites.

"At dinner parties when I express my viewpoint, there's a sudden incredible silence, and then a whole barrage of voices against you," said Neke, FFF's spokeswoman.

Recalling her shock tactics, she said that at the height of South Africa's political unrest in 1985 she was a guest at a dinner where a comedian was telling racist jokes.

Neke walked up to the man and said: "You're telling racist jokes while black people are dying."

He laughed at her, so she punched him on the chin. (Johannesburg: Reuters)

## Quote me

"It's like a hole in a bolted door, through which one can see what's happening abroad." — Journalist Mohamed Gheibi's comment about the French television channel Antenne 2 in Tunisia.

"I feel like a victim. I still have hope and it is still my choice. I have more rights than a 20-week-old fetus." — Chantal Daigle said after a Quebec superior court judge upheld an injunction won by her ex-boyfriend preventing her from having an abortion.

"I believe it to be barbaric and not worthy of any civilized man to persecute anybody for his opinions, especially when the cause concerns human life. Any consequences of this persecution are painful — I know it by my own experience. I wish you success and hope that common sense and humanity will be stronger than fanaticism." — Vladimir Dashutin, Soviet writer wrote in a letter to the International Committee for the Defence of Salman Rushdie.

"With no climatic or genetic advantages they (the Germans) have left us in their wake... their authority a strident indictment of insular attitude." — Leading British sports writer Ken Jones on the progress of West Germans Boris Becker and Steffi Graf in the Wimbledon tournament.

"I don't want to meet Brazil next year in the World Cup." — Italy's coach Azeglio Vicini after watching the Brazilians win the Copa America tournament on Friday.

"I'm coming to fight. I am looking for a knockout." — World heavyweight champion Mike Tyson on his July 21 fight against Carl "The Truth" Williams.

"We are earning foreign exchange with the blood of our children," said former Indian Supreme Court Chief Justice D.N. Bhagwati, who wrote the landmark ruling banning bonded labour.

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## Afghan rebels retreat

KABUL, July 18, (Agencies): The Afghan government said yesterday that its forces had pushed mujahideen rebels several km (miles) back towards the Pakistani border.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amami said government troops were now more than halfway between the eastern city of Jalalabad and a border post at Torkham.

There was no confirmation of the government assertion, but state-run Afghan television on Sunday showed footage of what it said was a recaptured state farm at Ghaziabad.

Ghaziabad is a collection of large state-run citrus farms recently used by the anti-government rebels as a staging area for their assault on Jalalabad.

It was not clear whether the Western-backed mujahideen had been swept from the whole Ghaziabad area.

Amami told reporters one of the farms had been captured, while another government source said the whole district was in Army hands.

"Not only are we building new security posts and trenches in those areas retaken, but also we are continuing the offensive to relieve other areas towards the border," Amami said.

If confirmed, the capture of Ghaziabad will be another blow to the mujahideen who have suffered a humiliating failure over Jalalabad.

At the beginning of the month, the Army retook a strategically important garrison at nearby Samarkhel, relieving rebel pressure on the city.

Meanwhile, Western diplomatic sources said today Afghan government forces were forced to vacate the strategic garrison town of Samarkhel near the eastern city of Jalalabad, allowing it to fall back into the hands of US-armed Muslim rebels.

The report could not be independently confirmed and the Soviet-backed Kabul regime has repeatedly asserted that its forces are in control of Samarkhel, located about 6 miles (10 km) east of Jalalabad.

The sources said regime troops were forced to abandon the town soon after they captured it on June 7 because it was too vulnerable to strikes by rebels occupying adjacent high ground.

Meeting set  
■ Senior US and Soviet officials will meet in Stockholm in two weeks for talks on the civil war in Afghanistan, officials said today.

US Press Consul George Beasley said the meeting would involve "experts from both sides." It was part of a series of contacts on regional issues between the two countries.

Swedish news reports said the talks likely will focus on US and Soviet arms supplies to the opposing sides in the war between the Marxist government and US-backed Muslim rebels.

■ US Secretary of State James Baker, commenting on press reports that American aid to the Afghan rebels would increase, said yesterday there has been no change in US policy.

The policy of the United States in Afghanistan has not changed," Baker told reporters in the Hague, the last stop on a 10-day European trip by President George Bush.

■ Thousands of miles (kilometres) from Moscow, the name Andrei Sakharov kindles fire in the hearts of young men still smarting from the wounds of the Soviet military involvement in Afghanistan.

In a riverside square in this century-old Siberian city, Khabarovsk, a platoon of Afghanistans veterans staged a bit of street theatre one evening recently to demonstrate their reserve group's combat training. They played some popular songs and took a swipe at the Nobel laureate regarded as the founder of the Soviet human rights movement.

## War disrupts Afghan lifestyle

KABUL, July 18, (Reuters): Afghanistan's 10-year war has disrupted the ancient lifestyle of its nomads, with land mines blowing up their sheep and some of the traditional wanderers settling in the capital to escape bloodshed.

There are some 2.5 million nomads — known as "Kochi" or travellers — in the mountainous landlocked country of 17 million people.

"The fighting is ruining the lives of the Kochi people," said Sayed Azam, a nomadic patriarch camping on a hill north of Kabul.

The Kochis in the region have traditionally brought their sheep to highland grazing areas in provinces surrounding the capital for the summer months, then migrated east during the harsh winter to lowlands near the Pakistani border.

Azam says many of the nomads fled to refugee camps in Pakistan during the war, while several scores have settled in houses in Kabul.

Others, like his group of dozen families, continued their semi-annual migration but can no longer go where they like.

He said soldiers at checkpoints and fighting were keeping them away from the mountainous Shakar

## \$250,000 offered to jetliner victims

### US says Iran equally at fault

WASHINGTON, July 18, (AP): Families who lost relatives when a US Navy cruiser shot down an Iranian airliner in the Gulf last year have been offered payments of up to \$250,000 per victim, the State Department has said.

But Richard Boucher, a department spokesman, said yesterday the US government will only turn over the money if the Iranian government, with which the United States does not have diplomatic relations, names an "appropriate intermediary" to disburse the funds.

An intermediary — possibly another government or an insurance company — is

needed to make sure the proper people benefit from the money, US officials contended.

Some 250 Iranians were among the 290 people killed on Iran Air Flight 655 on July 3, 1988, when the cruiser USS Vincennes mistakenly fired on the jetliner.

The payment plan, personally approved by US President George Bush, calls for the United States to give the families of each full-time worker \$250,000 while the families of others will receive \$100,000. To get the money, families would have to waive legal claims against the United States.

"Although the United States is not liable under international law to pay compensation

to the families of Flight 655 victims, on July 11, 1988, President (Ronald) Reagan announced that in accordance with the humanitarian traditions of our nation, the United States would do so on an ex gratia basis," Boucher said in a statement.

Najib Yassin Abdul Ghafour, spokesman for Dubai-based lawyers Salman Lutfi and Samir Kenan, told Reuters by telephone: "We will continue the suit against the American government because the offer is ambiguous and small."

He said the Dubai lawyers were contacting clients and advising them to "turn down the offer and go ahead with the lawsuit."

## Evidence of feud in PLO appears

### Professor called traitor

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 18, (Agencies): A leaflet distributed this week in the West Bank's largest city harshly criticised several prominent Palestinians, calling one a traitor and collaborator, Palestinian sources said today.

The leaflet circulated in Nablus is seen by some observers as an indication that feuding among PLO factions has increased and the authority of the underground unified leadership, which directs the Palestinian uprising, has been weakened.

But some Palestinians said they suspected the leaflets were forged by the Israeli security services.

The leaflet, signed by the little known Popular Army in Palestine, singled out Bir Zeit University philosophy Professor Sari Nusseibeh for attack. It called him a "traitor and collaborator" because he has not been arrested even though Palestinians in recent court depositions alleged that he was helping finance and organise the uprising, the sources said.



Kahane questioned

Israeli police questioned militant Rabbi Meir Kahane on Tuesday about his role in anti-Arab protests that swept Jerusalem after a Palestinian bus attack killed 14 Jews.

Referring to Arabs, Kahane told a downtown rally the day after the attack: "Give me the power to take care of them once and for all." The crowd responded with wild applause and chanted: "Death to the Arabs."

Dozens of Arabs were hurt and dozens of Jews arrested in stone-throwing protests over the July 8 attack in which a Palestinian seized the steering wheel of an Israeli bus and sent it plunging into a ravine.

Jerusalem police spokesman Uri Sandori said Kahane was questioned to determine whether his speech was illegal. Kahane was released on \$1,000 bail, his spokesman said.

Picture shows Kahane arrive at the police station. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Rushdie book goes on sale in France

PARIS, July 18, (Reuters): Salman Rushdie's controversial novel "The Satanic Verses" goes on sale in France tomorrow, signalling potential problems for a national security force stretched to the limit in the past week.

Publisher Christian Bourgois announced today he had received official backing to stock bookstores with the French version of the novel, condemned by many Muslims as blasphemous and their faith.

The French edition had been delayed until after last week's Paris summit of the leading industrial nations and the bicentenary of the French revolution.

Bourgois, in a radio interview, said the timing was intended to guarantee the event had "maximum media impact."

Iran has called on Muslims to kill the Indian-born British novelist, whose book triggered protests world-wide. A number of people have been killed in anti-Rushdie riots.

France recalled its ambassador from Tehran in a joint European protest following the death call by Iran's late spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Bourgois and his family have

Nusseibeh, who has denied the charges, left the country last month with his family. Last month, the Army ordered Nusseibeh to stop publishing a newsletter and shut his Holy Land information office, charging it was helping organise the uprising.

The leaflet asked, "Why has the lord doctor secretly left the country?"

The leaflet also accused Nusseibeh of using PLO money earmarked for the uprising to buy land.

Without naming him, the leaflet indirectly criticised Radwan Abu Ayyash, chairman of the Arab Journalist Association, as being "a wandering journalist who spends most of his time in Europe."

A second prominent Palestinian journalist also was attacked without being identified.

Also today, a spokeswoman at Hadassah Hospital said a 15-year-old Palestinian girl, Rada Isa Shihan, died last night of injuries suffered when the car she was riding was stoned and overturned in the Arab village of Bethany on the outskirts of Jerusalem.

Police said they believe the car was stoned late Saturday by Palestinians who mistook it for an Israeli vehicle.

At least 542 Palestinians and 35 Israelis have been killed since the start of the 19-month-old uprising against Israeli occupation.

The socialist daily newspaper Al Hamishmar reported today that the Army is using hidden video cameras in the occupied West Bank to arrest Arab stone-throwers.

The cameras are set up at trouble spots where stones and firebombs are frequently thrown at cars, the newspaper said.

An Army spokesman said video cameras had been in employed for some time in the occupied territories and that their use was adapted to the current situation. The film is admissible evidence in court, she said.

In the occupied territories today, at least four Palestinians were wounded by Army gunfire during clashes with soldiers.

In the Gaza Strip, masked Palestinian youths also beat two men, one accused of collaborating with Israeli authorities and the second a suspected drug dealer, Arab sources said.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat has sent a letter to Pope John Paul II expressing his concern for "the new wave of violence" against Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories, the PLO representative in Italy said.

In another development, officials of Lebanon's rival Muslim and Christian cabinets separately asked for the extension of the United Nations' peacekeeping force's mandate in south Lebanon for six months.

Meanwhile Arab and foreign diplomats have urged the Lebanese warring factions to exercise self-restraint and appealed them to keep away from the military confrontation and create a favourable atmosphere for the Arab tripartite committee in its efforts to achieve ceasefire in Lebanon.

Following a meeting with Lebanon's Parliament Speaker Hassan Al-Husseini, Algerian ambassador here Khalid Al-Hassani briefed news today on the latest developments, including sea blockades and medium-range Frog-7 missiles possessed by the Lebanese forces.

The card exempts the nomads from otherwise mandatory military service, but also serves as unprecedented government control on their movements.

The nomads must have their cards stamped by local police before making their seasonal migration.

Azam says nomadic mullahs who used to travel with his group and teach the children the ways of Islam have mostly fled to refugee camps in Pakistan.

"There is no one now to read us the Holy Quran," says the greybeard, turbaned man, who reckons he is 60 or 70 years old.



Minister to salvage graves

Israeli Interior Minister Arie Dori met a top Mubarak aide today in Cairo for talks on Middle East peace and ways to save a major Jewish cemetery threatened by highway construction in Cairo.

Picture shows Israeli Ambassador to Egypt Moshe Shameri (left) welcoming Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, a former rabbi in Israel and Israeli interior minister upon their arrival at Cairo Airport today. (Reuters wirephoto)

## UN accused of negligence

### Gulf foes blame each other

NICOSIA, July 18, (Agencies): Iran today condemned the deadline in peace talks that started five days after the Aug 20 Gulf war ceasefire and accused the United Nations of "negligence and complacency" for failing to ensure a lasting peace.

In Iraq, President Saddam Hussein accused Iran of stalling the peace talks and using the deadline to "blackmail the region and threaten its security and stability."

The UN-mediated peace talks were stalled shortly after they started Aug 25. The ceasefire ended eight years of war.

An Iranian Foreign Ministry statement issued to mark the anniversary of Iran's acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 598 on July 18, 1988 pointed out that the UN Security Council had pledged to implement the resolution, which is also a peace plan.

But one year later, that commitment has not been fulfilled, said the statement, broadcast on state-run Tehran Radio.

The radio, quoted the statement as saying the UN body's "negligence" was "not only a violation of the resolution by its authors, but also a violation of the duties responsible for maintaining international peace and security."

After a military collapse and a string of battlefield defeats in the last months of fighting, Iran suddenly joined Iraq in accepting the UN resolution.

The late Iranian leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, said at that time "the acceptance of this issue (the ceasefire) is more deadly to me than poison."

The resolution calls for withdrawal of troops to pre-war boundaries, exchange of prisoners of war, holding peace talks and setting up a panel to assess blame for the war.

The fourth round of UN-mediated peace talks was held in May and no further meetings

have been arranged.

The Iranian statement said Iraq had refused to implement "the most important instruction of the resolution, demanding withdrawal to recognised international borders and that it had used every possible means to avoid honouring that commitment," the radio reported.

Iraqi troops are still holding about 1,000-square kilometres (380 square miles) of Iranian territory. Iran insists that the troops must be withdrawn before the talks can proceed.

The Iraqis, however, say they do not recognize a 1975 treaty drawing part of the Iran-Iraq border down the middle of the Shatt Al-Arab waterway, its only outlet to the sea.

Baghdad maintains that borders be redrawn to include all of the waterway as Iraqi territory, and that Iraq should have the sole right to dredge the waterway of mines and other war debris.

The Iraqi President, in a 22-page address marking the 21st anniversary of the rise of the Baath Arab Socialist Party to power, said he refused to drag on "in this no-war, no-peace situation."

Saddam, who earlier this year suggested that the more than 100,000 prisoners of war held by both sides be swapped in an agreement separate from the UN resolution, complained that "it's been nearly a year and they are still refusing to end the plight of war prisoners."

Iran says it will only free the prisoners as part of an overall settlement of the conflict.

A timetable drawn up by the secretary-general (soon after acceptance of the ceasefire) and accepted by Iran called for the release and repatriation of all prisoners of war within 90 days.

■ Britain is to withdraw one of its three warships patrolling the Gulf because of reduced tension with the end of the Iran-Iraq war, armed forces minister Archie Hamilton said today.

## TV invasion

### Tunisians just love it

TUNIS, July 18, (Reuters): Once a staunch advocate of a new information order to combat cultural imperialism, Tunisia is now invaded from the sky by some 20 European television stations.

Tunisians just love it.

The star newcomer is the French television channel Antenne 2, which began broadcasting on the Tunisian state network when French President Francois Mitterrand visited in June. In Tunisia, as the slogan goes, Antenne 2 "turns the audience on."

Constantly unhappy with their own national Arabic-language channel, Tunisians, many of whom speak French fluently, have found in the French channel a new window to the world, alongside the Italian channel Rai Uno, which people in the north have been picking up since the start of the 1960s.

"It's like a hole in a bolted door, through which one can see what's happening abroad," said journalist Mohamed Guelbi.

"It holds my kids captive from the early afternoon onwards. At least it keeps them off the street and out of trouble," said Fatma Slimi, a housewife in the southern city of Sfax.

"At last our children are going to make some progress in their French," added Najat Guedouar, a French teacher in the suburbs of Tunis.

Liberals see Antenne 2 as political education, to strengthen secularism and counteract the influence of Tunisia's Islamic movement. "It will help broaden people's minds, they're going to see how a democracy really functions," said one.

For the French government, which is paying all the costs, the channel is a means to reinforce the dominance of French against the challenges of Italian, English and the Tunisian government's own Arabisation efforts.

The advertising indirectly helps to sell French goods and maintain France's position as Tunisia's major trading partner.

As part of the package, Paris has promised 150 million francs (\$24 million), to extend reception of Rai Uno to the south and west of Tunisia.

The Italian government had earlier given a similar grant, of \$24 million, to extend reception of Rai Uno to the south and west of Tunisia.

The Tunisian network carries almost all of Antenne 2's production but for about two hours a day the channel broadcasts Tunisian material, including the main evening news in French.

Slah Maouia, director-general of Tunisian radio and television, says there is no censorship. "We only intervene to replace broadcasts of purely French interest or of second-rate quality," he said.

But often these programmes are the political debates which the liberals would like Tunisians to see, said one official familiar with broadcasting policy.

Surprisingly few Tunisians, even in the Islamic camp, have come out against Antenne 2, though a few leftists see French colonialism slipping in the backdoor.

The Muslim militants, more moderate than those in other parts of the Arab world, have not publicised any reservations they have about the principle of importing a foreign channel, but they have complained about particular programmes which they think "offend public morality."

The other 18 or so European and American channels beaming down on Tunisia from satellite are available only to those rich enough to pay out between 3,000 and 5,000 dinars (\$3,160 and \$5,900) for a satellite dish and converter.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Normalise ties

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates, July 18, (AP): A senior British official was quoted here yesterday as saying that Britain can normalise ties with Tehran if Iranians change their "unacceptable policy."

William Waldegrave, Britain's minister of state for foreign affairs, told the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al-Bayan that "Britain is ready to resume ties with Iran if it changed its unacceptable policy."

### Journalists invited

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 18, (Reuters): Nine Israeli journalists flew to Moscow today, invited despite a lack of official ties with the Soviet Union.

The invitation from the Moscow Union of Journalists follows a trip to Israel by journalists accompanying Soviet Armenian earthquake victims seeking medical care.

The trip by Israeli newspaper and radio political correspondents is the latest sign of warming ties with Moscow, which severed diplomatic relations with Israel after the 1967 Middle East war.

### Convict exchange

BELGRADE, July 18, (KUNA): Egypt and Yugoslavia tentatively agreed yesterday on extradition arrangements for the exchange of convicts and their families.

The provisional accord also allows for regulation of court sentences and bilateral co-ordination in respect of security and legal cases.

This was announced following the second and final round of talks held here today between the visiting Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid and his Yugoslav counterpart Budimir Loncar.

### Decision protested

NEW YORK, July 18, (KUNA): An Arab-American spokesman protested yesterday the decision by a noted New York theatrical producer to cancel the scheduled appearance of a Palestinian theatre company from occupied Jerusalem because of "concern about Jewish reaction."

The spokesman, Dr M.T. Me' said in a letter to New York's Shaleh Festival producer Josepe Papp his decision assumes that New York Jews are either intolerant of "constituted a force capable of conducting the first amendment to the constitution."

### 3 killed in clashes

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, July 18, (Reuters): A Turkish Army sergeant and two Kurdish rebels were killed in clashes in southeastern Turkey today, official sources said.

The fighting took place on Cudi Mountain near where the Turkish, Iraqi and Syrian borders meet, they said.

The banned Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) is fighting for a separate state in southeast Turkey for Turkey's minority of an estimated eight million Kurds.

### 11 years in power

SANAA, July 18, (Reuters): President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen completed 11 years in power yesterday.

The former Army officer came to office on July 17, 1978 when his predecessor was killed by a South Yemeni envoy. He survived an assassination attempt two months later and an attempted military coup the following month.

He began his third five-year term last July after being appointed by an elected parliament which replaced a 10-year-old nominated legislature.

### Ozal may run

ANKARA, July 18, (Reuters): Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal says he might run for the presidency when Kenan Evren's seven-year term ends in October.

"If my colleagues nominate me for presidency and I agree, I can muster sufficient votes to get elected," the semi-official Anatolian News Agency quoted.

### Smugglers hanged

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 18, (AP): Thirteen drug traffickers tried by the Islamic courts were publicly hanged today in four Iranian cities, Tehran radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said that the alleged smugglers were convicted of possessing more than 800 kilograms (1,764 pounds) of drugs.

It said that some of the convicts had previous criminal records. Additional charges of smuggling arms and co-operating with professional or international drug rings were brought against some of the men, the radio said.

### Reports denied

NAIROBI, July 18, (Reuters): Somali officials today denied rebel reports that up to 1,500 people died in riots over the weekend.

Somalia has said 23 people died and 52 were wounded when protesters armed with stones, sticks and knives attacked armed policemen and soldiers on Friday.

### Holocaust research

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 18, (Reuters): Israel has again urged West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to stop medical schools experimenting on corpses of Jews killed in the Nazi Holocaust, a spokesman for the Religious Affairs Ministry said today.

Religious Affairs Minister Ze'evulun Hammer sent Kohl a letter on Monday protesting at what he said was continued use of the corpses in university experiments, ministry spokesman Uri Bahat said.

### Humanitarian letter

ROME, July 18, (Reuters): Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat has written to Pope John Paul asking him to make another public appeal for Palestinians in Israel's occupied territories.

Nimer Hamad, PLO representative in Italy, told Reuters Arafat's letter was given to the Vatican today. He believed it would be sent to northern Italy, where the Pope is at a mountain retreat until Friday.

Hamad called it a "very humanitarian letter."



## EVENTS

## VIDEO CORNER

Upcoming British actor crosses Atlantic

## Criminal Law – a courtroom thriller with a difference

By Brian Hollis

GARY OLDMAN is an up and coming British actor who has received high praise from critics and reviewers for a string of unerring film performances over the past three years. However as he usually plays nasty characters (such as Sid Vicious in the film about the Sex Pistols 'Sid and Nancy') all his recent films have been banned here with the exception of one of the least attractive 'We Think the World of You', reviewed last week. Now he has crossed the Atlantic to appear in 'Criminal Law', a courtroom thriller with a difference, pitting an east coast criminal lawyer against a psychopathic killer.

Oldman is a young and successful prosecution attorney, who decides there is more money in defence. Arrogant and cynical, he decides that the rights and wrongs of the law are not his problems, providing he can convince the jury.

In the trial of a young man accused of the horrendous murder and disfigurement of a woman, he successfully defends the accused by sensational borderline courtroom tactics. In his heart he (and we) know the accused is guilty as charged. No surprise then when he commits other sadistic crimes and asks Oldman to defend him again.

The difference is that he invites Oldman unknowing to the scene of a murder, where he trips over the mutilated body of another victim, gagged with a paper nappy. The lawyer pretends to accept the defence of the psychopath, while at the same time searching for proof of his guilt.

Although marred by several incidents which the viewer may find hard to swallow, the film does have a degree of tension quite rare in courtroom thrillers.

Kevin Bacon's portrayal of the psychopath is very reminiscent of Anthony Perkins in 'Psycho', and finally gains more sympathy than his defence counsel, who fails to redeem himself completely. Compelling viewing nevertheless.

Director Blake Edwards was responsible for a string of highly successful comedies in the sixties and seventies, especially the Pink Panther series (banned in Kuwait), starring Peter Sellers. Now in his late 60's he is still churning out one or two films a year, the latest of which is 'Skin Deep', starring John Ritter and Vincent Gardenia. Ritter plays Zach Hutton, a playwright and novelist, who is also a notorious drunk and womaniser in this sharp and witty sex comedy. Zach's life takes a dramatic turn for the worse

when his beautiful wife decides she has had quite enough and divorces him, and his good friend and long-time agent dies. No fewer than ten sirens are featured in this production — look out for Julianne Phillips, the ex-Mrs Springsteen.

'Disorganised Crime' is a wry comedy about a clever criminal mind who has devised the perfect heist. Frank Salazar (Corbin Bernsen) selects a target and assembles a team of top thieves to do the job. While he makes a final reconnaissance of the bank of his choice, the team is told to wait for him on the outskirts of the unsuspecting township. Things start to go awry when the police pick him up for loitering with intent, and by the time he escapes from jail, his masterplan is well under way. The five robbers are a cast of well known leading men including Lou Diamond Phillips, Hoyt Axton and Ruben Blades.

'Soursweet' is a new British drama about two immigrants who form part of the wave of Hong Kong Chinese opting for life in the UK rather than the dubious future as part of Mainland China. Female lead Sylvia Chang is a top star in Taiwan, backed up in this movie by Speedy Choo, a five-year-old who could charm the socks off an entire football team. The recent immigrants start up a Chinese takeaway in the wastes of south-east London, and become involved in the murderous series of attacks and counterattacks in the Triad dominated underworld of Soho's Chinatown. Both funny and touching, 'Soursweet' has the ability to shock as well as charm, and Speedy Choo is worth 110 minutes of anybody's time.

Although 'Dynasty' has now finished, viewers can continue watching their other favourite series including 'Neighbours', 'Eastenders', 'L.A. Law' and 'Moonlighting'. Pop music fans will find the latest 'Top of the Pops' and 'MTV' shows, as well as a new collection of 'Best Love Songs'.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas/Farwana; Video Nafi, Saliya Complex, Tel: 2432808; Video Club, Salmiya, Tel: 5724372.



A thrilling moment from Skin Deep.



Corbin Bernsen: clever criminal



Gary Oldman: nasty character expert

## KTV 1

- 9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair: local programme
- 9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim: children cultural programme
- 10.00 Magazine d'Actualite
- 10.15 Al Hob Wa Essabar: Arabic serial (part 7). Starring: Samiya Al Olf, Jalal Al Sharqawi and Zahrat Al Olla.
- 11.15 Al Nir Wa Ayoon Al Madinah: Arabic serial, starring: Khaleel Shawqi, and Ghazwa Al Khaldi.
- 12.30 Hiwar Wa Nagham: Variety programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 1.30 Flouna: cartoon serial
- 2.15 Al Shams Baad Al Ghoyoub: Arabic serial (part 10)
- 3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: cartoon

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

- serial
- 4.00 Football match: Kuwait vs Australia
- 6.00 Laila Min Alfila: children programme
- 6.30 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
- 7.00 The World About Us: cultural programme prepared and presented by Hmood Al Bgheeli
- 8.00 Popular features: local programme, prepared and presented by Hmood Al Bgheeli
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 Haribat Min Al Madhi: daily Arabic serial
- 10.45 Mahakim Billa Sojoon: Bedouin serial, starring: Samir Sami, Zohair Hussain, and Hussain Abu Hamad
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.30 Holy Quran and Closedown

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Trollkins: A cartoon series for children.
- 6.30 Big Ice: "The Water of Life." The Southern Antarctic as a source of fresh water.
- 7.00 Danger Bay: "Pilot Error." Routine is shattered when a helicopter crash leaves J.L. in hospital, the specimens missing and the researcher threatening to sue.
- 7.30 Body Matters: "You've Got A Nerve." A look at nerves and their functions in conveying messages to and from human brain.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Simon & Simon. "Simon & Simon, Jr." Mat is blackmailed by "Sinclair" a gang's

- boss who exploits young boys in stealing rich people — Simon and brother attempt to rescue young "Mat."
- 9.30 Best of British. A look at British films about prominent personalities...and the actors who played their roles.
- 9.15 Learning The Ropes. "Robert Faces Commitment." Robert promises his girlfriend to spend their weekend together when his friend arrives accompanied with two girls.
- 10.30 Classical Movies: "The Maltese Falcon". Starring: Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor, Lee Patrick. After the death of his partner, private eye Sam Spade is dragged into a quest for a priceless statuette of a falcon.
- 12.00 News in Brief
- 12.15 Magazine d'Actualite

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Istiqal Pharmacy  
Safat Square  
Al Ameen Pharmacy  
Jaber Al Mubarak Street  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Sabah Pharmacy  
Nagra, Al Othman Street  
Al Kord Square  
Salmiya & Rumaythiya  
Ibn Al Nafes Pharmacy

Hamad Al Mubarak Street  
Fahad Al Ahmad  
Adel Pharmacy  
Fahad Al Ahmad Bldg.  
Al Dabous Street

Farwaniya  
Al Jazeera Pharmacy  
Main Street, Hmood Nayef  
Al Rashedi Bldg.  
Jahra  
Al Abraj Pharmacy  
Daabul Al Khozi Street,  
Near the Educational Dept.

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Firdous  
Kaal Chakra  
Suresh Oberoi, Sadshiv.  
Amarpur  
Fahad Ope-Ak  
Mardangi  
Al Fahad  
Arabic film  
Al Jahra  
Play Dead  
Gramada  
Arabic film  
Al Salsikhah  
Tuxedo Warriors

Al Jleeb  
Someone to Watch Over Me  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Arabic film

## PRAYERS

Fajr	3.29 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.29 pm
Maghreb	6.48
Isha	8.17

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
Sat - Thurs.: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

## SOCIAL

**KAPILKU meeting**  
JULY 19, Wednesday: The officers of the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their meeting at Far East Restaurant at 8.00 pm. Topics to be discussed are as follows: Palarong Pilipino (annual/souvenir programme, sponsors and awarding ceremony); Philippine community day and Mutya ng Pilipinas — Kuwait; Little Mr & Miss Philippines — Kuwait; Kapilku Night.

**British Council**  
JULY 19, (6 pm), July 20 (10.30 am). The Magical World of Gigi, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council premises in Mansouria. It is the story of Princess Gigi who lives in the Kingdom of Fairyland. She is sent to Earth and with her magic wand, she transforms herself into a super-girl to make people's dreams come true.

July 22, July 23 (6.30 pm): This month's feature film is An Englishman Abroad. Based by Alan Bennett on the real-life meeting between Burgess and Coral Browne, filmed on location in London, Glasgow, Dundee. Alan Bates is Burgess. Admission is free for both movies but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

**Bangladesh Association**  
JULY 24: The association invites all Bangladeshis to join the Bangladesh Library as founder/life members. Those who are interested can contact any executive member of the association on July 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the embassy premises. A meeting will be held at the embassy premises on August 4 to discuss the formation of the library.

**D'Assisi Social Evening**  
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Arnet Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

**United Goans**  
AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music/satirical evening at the TUNA SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5653140. Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

## KAPILKU Children's Contest

AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 483447.

## Independents ball

AUGUST 17: At the Mesilla Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

## Farewell pictures

Photographs taken at the farewell reception for outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha, organised by the Indian community, are available from Sami Farooqi. Those who are interested in getting a copy of their contact Tel: 2446489.

## Eid Mela

JULY 28: Eid Anando Mela organised by Nirjhar Cultural Group will be held at the Bangladesh embassy premises at 7.30 pm. Admission is free but it is advisable to collect your gate pass. For details please contact Tel: 3725675, 4313066, 4315759, 4315692.

## Tivim Centre

OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

## HOTELS

## At the Kuwait Plaza

Enjoy the fun; join the celebration of fun and games every Friday at Al Dallah coffee shop where you enjoy all kinds of delicious food. Continental dishes, mezzah, special sweets and Arabic ice-cream. A unique ambience with the most celebrated magician in town. A gift for every child. Fun for the whole family with Walt Disney characters. KD3.00 per child, KD4.50 per adult.

**Loulwah corner:** Featuring delights of Arabic ice-cream with nine different flavours specially made for the Kuwait Plaza by Syrian experts. Also offers jumbo size of all sorts of sandwiches ranging from the famous Lebanese 'forrouj' chicken with garlic to steak sandwiches with the Plaza special touch. The famous oud player Fawzi Jamal who sings the best of the good old days songs. A special 4 course lunch for only KD2.500.

**Marco Polo:** Enjoy the authentic Italian atmosphere which makes you feel that you are in the heart of Rome. Taste the real Italian lasagne and spaghetti with the largest size of pizza and savour your favourite Italian dishes while you are listening to Stan and Alice, the famous duo in town.

## At the Meridien

UNTIL July 31: Ice cream promotion at Al Waha Restaurant in the Saliya Complex.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (222332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shurwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.



## Young artists

A children's colouring competition was organised by the Kuwait International Hotel in co-operation with Kuwait Danish Dairy. Participants were from the age categories of 3 years to 12 years. For the competition Kuwait Danish Dairy made a generous contribution of various prizes and gift coupons that delighted the children on the day's final children's party. Picture shows the winners of the



## Upasana musical evening

Inauguration for the 6th musical evening of Upasana was held on 14-7-1989 at Murugan's house in Ahmadi. Mrs Ambika Suryanarayana (photo left) inaugurated the ceremony by lighting the traditional lamp. As usual, Upasana is introducing new artists and also selected latest hit songs from Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam will be presented for the music lovers in Kuwait. It has been decided to conduct two programmes, one in Hindi and other mainly from Tamil and Malayalam songs on Dec 7 and 8. Picture above shows some of the musicians during practice.

Arabiya



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Gorbachev G-7 appeal

## Sincere but weak on substance

MOSCOW, July 18, (Reuters): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's unprecedented appeal for economic co-operation with the West is seen by Western experts as a sincere gesture but weak on substance.

The Kremlin chief played a mainly political card when he stunned the Paris summit of leading Western states with his offer of closer co-operation, they say. Gorbachev, who is trying to overhaul the Soviet Union's basically backward economy, declared in a message to last weekend's summit that the Kremlin wants to establish a basis for joint international development free of ideology.

This prompted US President George Bush to hint that Moscow might eventually be admitted to the capitalist world's most high-powered body, the Group of Seven (G-7), but experts doubt that the Russians can do a lot, beyond promises.

"Obviously the Soviets don't have much to offer. If they did why don't they help out Poland or Hungary?" said Gephart Selinger, Soviet affairs analyst at West Germany's Foundation for Science and Politics.

"By sending the letter Gorbachev is saying he is really serious about his intention to join the international economic order," said one Moscow-based diplomat. "But membership of



Mikhail Gorbachev

the IMF or GATT is far off — let alone getting into the G-7."

"The world can only gain from the opening up of a market as big as the Soviet Union," Gorbachev said, singling out Third World debt as a particular area for East-West co-operation.

Western analysts see political significance in the letter, the first ever sent by the Soviet leadership

weakness of the Soviet economy and the enormous gap that still separates it from the market-based countries of the G-7. United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy.

One major obstacle is statistics. In a display of glasnost or openness, Soviet officials have for the first time in recent months given figures for the budget deficit — 100 billion roubles (\$170 billion) — and some other indicators.

But by Western standards, the statistics are incomplete and some have even been contested as misleading by Soviet economists. Moscow has in particular failed to provide full data on its balance of payments, a requirement of International Monetary Fund (IMF) membership.

But even this pales into insignificance beside the broader problem of finding a way, acceptable to the Kremlin, of integrating a fundamentally inefficient and still largely centrally-planned economy into the world system.

"When we opened the sluice gates for bilateral contacts, we found that we were not an advanced country at all," Aleksandr Krivenko, head of the trading company Prodimtorg, acknowledged in a recent interview

with the Soviet weekly Ogonyok. "We found our products were not competitive and, besides gas and oil and a few exotic goods, the Western countries did not want to buy anything from us at all."

Despite moves to liberalise trade and introduce market-based reform, economists say the rouble is still overvalued by a factor of anything from five to 20, making a massive devaluation a prerequisite for any attempt to make it convertible.

Convertibility — would also have to be preceded by a reform of the country's price system, implying an end to subsidies which have kept down basic prices for decades.

All this has led, in particular, to scepticism over both how able and willing the Soviet Union is to work with the West in a sphere such as Third World debt.

There have already been calls by members of the Soviet parliament for cuts in hard-currency lending to developing countries which Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov revealed last month, owe Moscow some \$53 billion.

"The Soviets' foreign currency reserves are very tight and they may find it hard in the cold light of day to square substantial aid with their present condition," said Mark Echlin, of bankers Morgan Grenfell in London.



Striking coal miners read newspapers after spending the night in the open, sleeping on the ground on Prokopyevsk's Main Square yesterday. Newspaper headline reads: 'Strike'

## Higher pay sought

Strikes increase pressure on Moscow

MOSCOW, July 18, (Reuters): Striking Siberian coal miners ignored calls from the Soviet leadership to return to work today as labour unrest spread to the country's richest coalfield in the Ukraine.

The growing industrial trouble, the worst since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power four years ago, has been aggravated by another flare-up of ethnic violence, this time in the Black Sea region of Abkhazia, in which 16 people were killed.

Both the labour dispute and the intensified rivalries between nationalities are driven, in part, by the deteriorating domestic economy which has reached a crisis point in many regions of the country.

The miners, on strike in Siberia's Kuznetsky basin since last week to win better conditions and more political and economic power, have been joined by miners in the Donbas, the mighty industrial region of the Ukraine,

one official said. The Donbas strike, which began in five mines in Makeyevka, has spread to affect 17 mines, he said.

The government newspaper Izvestia said 4,000 miners were on strike in Makeyevka, and the regional Communist Party chief Anatoly Vinnik had gone to negotiate with them.

In a sign of how serious the situation has become, the Soviet parliament today announced it was giving top priority to a proposed new law on strikes.

A Soviet journalist just back from the Kuznetsky basin, the country's second major coal producing region, described an orderly, structured campaign by the miners.

He said roughly 90 per cent of all workers were on strike in Prokopyevsk and Kiselevsk, where only essential services were operating. Prokopyevsk has become the

headquarters of both a strike committee and a government commission dispatched by Gorbachev and Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov to restore calm.

The government commission met strikers there today but so far they have resisted a call to return to work while solutions are sought to the region's problems, local officials said. Some miners are demanding Ryzhkov appear himself, the journalist said.

Among the strikers' demands are more autonomy for local enterprises, the right to spend locally generated profits at home, higher pay for night shifts and better medical facilities.

Soviet newspapers said railways, metallurgy plants and electrical power stations were beginning to feel the pinch of dwindling coal supplies, although some deliveries were still being made, thanks to enormous stockpiles of coal.

## Crude prices surge

NEW YORK, July 18, (UPI): Heating oil prices surged on the New York Mercantile Exchange today as traders realised inventories are low and America's refineries are occupied in the production of gasoline. Other oil prices were mixed in addition to less market.

On the Merc, heating oil surged 1.10 cents to \$30.45 a gallon for August delivery contracts. The September-through-December delivery contracts rose 1.18 cents or higher with October contracts climbing 1.21 cents.

Larry Lawrence of Elders Futures Inc. said that with inventories near "a bottom-scraping" 100 million barrels and refineries going all out to produce gasoline, traders believed heating oil futures were a good buy.

Last week, the American Petroleum Institute said inventories for the week ended July 7 were 103.8 million barrels, well below year-ago levels of 115.8 million barrels.

West Texas Intermediate — the benchmark US crude — edged up only 13 cents to end the day at \$20.45 a barrel on the Merc, while on the US Gulf Coast spot market WTI was quoted at \$20.25 a barrel, down 10 cents.

With the vacuum of market-moving news continuing, the crude price changes were considered insignificant.

Richard Redoglia, vice-president of Merrill Lynch Energy Futures, Inc. said, "crude in particular is in a narrow trading range that has no trend or direction."

## Bonn firm wins contract

NICOSIA, July 18, (Reuters): The West German firm AEG-Telefunken has won a tender to sell 10 radio transmitters for world-wide broadcasts, an Iranian broadcasting official said today.

Mohammad Hashemi, director of the state-run National Iranian Radio and Television, said the 500-kw transmitters, to be installed in the southern town of Sirjan, would help Iran cover almost the whole world. He did not say how much they cost.

"The tender was announced last October and we started studying the bids in February," Hashemi told Tehran Radio.

Indian rupee	0.018080
Sri Lankan rupee	0.008650
Pakistani rupee	0.014210
Bangladesh taka	0.009120
US dollars	0.296900
Pound sterling	0.477750
Deutsche mark	0.155350
UAE dirham	0.080880
Japanese yen	0.002098

## Austrian firms seek to expand trade ties

Saudis top the list

VIENNA, July 18, (KUNA): Business representatives of 12 industrial Austrian firms have returned from an Arab tour that sought to boost joint economic and commercial ties, particularly industrial investments, according to the Federal Austrian Chamber of Industry and Trade.

A chamber release said the Austrian delegation of economists and industrialists discussed with senior economic and commercial officials in Riyadh, Jeddah and Abu Dhabi prospects for joint ventures, especially industrial investments.

The release characterised the talks as highly productive and

having shown many opportunities for joint business undertakings with Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

It said the talks with officials in Riyadh and Abu Dhabi produced agreement that petrochemicals and other industries would be the best channels for joint ventures.

The Austrian delegation's visit to the Arab region has come to reverse a continuous decline in Austria's trade volume with Saudi Arabia, which had reached a record \$5 billion schillings in 1983.

Despite the downward trend

in Austria's trade with Riyadh, the release said, Saudi Arabia remains the biggest and most important Arab market for Austrian exports in the future.

Commercial exchanges with the United Arab Emirates have also declined over the past years, though it recovered in 1988, the chamber pointed out.

It forecast better trade links this year after an Austrian industrial firm won a contract, to the tune of 120 million schillings, for the construction of a water desalination plant there.

According to official figures published here, Kuwait ranked

third among the Arab exporting nations to Austria last year trailing Libya and Algeria, while Saudi Arabia topped the list of biggest Arab importing nations from Austria.

Libya exported 1.3 billion schillings worth of goods to Austria, followed by Algeria's 683 million schillings and Kuwait with 600 million schillings (about KD1.3 million).

Overall Austrian exports to the Arab world grew 20 per cent to 5.17 billion schillings in the first half of 1988 against 4.13 billion schillings in the corresponding period of the preceding year.

## Rail strike hits Britain

LONDON, July 18, (Agencies): Britain's railway network was paralysed by a fifth national strike in as many weeks today after the country's biggest rail union rejected an increased pay offer as still too low.

Millions of commuters across the country rose early today for a now-familiar struggle to work.

Londoners were again worst hit, as the strike coincided with the latest in a series of walkouts on the capital's underground rail system and a separate dispute that cut early-morning bus services by half.

The National Union of Railwaymen (NUR) kept commuters guessing throughout Monday as it considered an 8.8 per cent pay offer from state-owned British rail which two other unions involved in the dispute had already accepted.

But NUR leader Jimmy Knapp announced shortly before midnight that the new offer — raised from

an earlier seven per cent — was still unacceptable and the 24-hour strike would go ahead.

British rail chairman Sir Robert Reid said he was astonished by the decision and appeared to reject Knapp's call for further talks at an independent arbitration service.

"Why should we? There is nothing else to offer," he said.

Transport Minister Paul Channon said: "I think people will be utterly astonished and totally fed up. It seems very irresponsible and certainly very much against the long-term interest of the railmen themselves."

Motoring organisations described traffic jams as "pretty horrendous" and said parking spots filled fast in two London parks set aside as giant open-air garages.

## KPF acquires 15pc of Saviotti

THE chairman of Kuwait International Investment Company and chairman of Kuwait Portugal Fund Jassim M. Al Bahar announced that the Kuwait Portugal Fund had acquired 15 per cent of Saviotti Empreendimentos Turisticos S.A., one of Portugal's largest hotel owners and operators, and noted that this investment in one of Portugal's major hotel and leisure groups could lead to further joint ventures and participations with the Saviotti Group.

Saviotti E.T. S.A. announced 46.6 per cent increase in hotel group profits for 1988 and with the opening of the new Vilamuros Marina in the Algarve brought the total direct owned beds on offer to 1,117.

The company owns 51 per cent of the Dom Pedro Hotel Group which has 6 properties in the Algarve, 2 in Madeira and one each in Costa Verde and Costa Estoril. Further expansion is planned in 1989/90.

The chairman also announced that a further deal has been concluded between KPF and "Espirito Santo Group" regarding a major residential development which is believed to be the largest project in Lisbon at an estimated market value upon completion of \$350 million.

It is noted worthy that KPF has participated to the equivalent of \$18 million in this investment.

Kuwait International Investment Company (KIIC) and Kuwait Portugal Fund (KPF) will be opening new investment opportunities in Portugal shortly for investors in Kuwait and the Arabian Gulf.

## Israel continues 'economic war against Palestinians'

GENEVA, July 18, (KUNA): Several countries have condemned Israeli practices in the occupied Arab territories and called for urgent redress of the worsening economic conditions.

At the meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), which considered the question of sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories till late yesterday, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria joined Arab delegations in condemning Israeli actions.

The Soviet delegate, Elena Bodina said not enough attention was being given to the financial practices by Israel in the occupied Arab territories. Today, time in the Middle East was working for war, she

noted. Highlighting the urgency of convening an international peace conference on the Middle East she said, "In effect, all Security Council members have supported this idea. Only one country is against it. In the meantime, the economic war against the Palestinian people is continuing."

As a result, a major part of the Palestinian economy was operating in favour of Israel, Bodina observed. The situation in foreign trade and transportation also remained deplorable, she added, calling for adoption of urgent measures to change the existing situation.

The Syrian delegate, Moukhliss Pharaon, noted that international law guaranteed the rights of all peoples to sovereignty over their resources. These

rights had equally been recognised for Palestinians but could not be exercised because of measures adopted by Israel, he added.

"They also prevented them from pursuing education or other training in order to keep them from engaging in activities other than simple labour. The occupation authorities have stolen the greatest part of the water resources of the territories," he said.

The Arab inhabitants were taxed five times as much as settlers for their use of water. Moreover, citizens were forced to pay for the costs involved in the demolition of their own houses, Pharaon said.

"The children of the intifada, however, have proven that nations do not die of

strokes or heart attacks," he commented. He also discounted as baseless the claim made by the Israeli observer that Israeli authorities were sending money for improving the living standards of the inhabitants of the Arab territories.

In his observation, the delegate of Egypt, Hani Khalaf, said his country welcomed the idea of establishing a special centre, within the United Nations framework, which would promote Palestinian trade. All economic projects concerning the Palestinian people must take into account their involvement and interests, he added.

Egypt was resolutely against any limitations imposed by Israel on the economic activities in the occupied territories, Khalaf asserted.

## Dollar sharply lower

### London shares mixed

LONDON, July 18, (Reuters): Share prices were mixed in quiet late afternoon trading after an initial market-down in response to the announcement of a higher than expected US May trade gap.

The mandatory quote period ends early today at 1505 GMT, as has become customary on rail strike days. But the Scaq system will operate until its usual 1700 GMT time.

In the absence of sellers the market is unlikely to suffer a setback and could still move ahead if another takeover emerges, dealers said. "If we get another bid coming in the next day or two, we will go to the races again," said one dealer. The FTSE 100 index was down 1.0 point at 2273.9 at 1500 GMT.

The FTSE closed early 1.8 points down at 2273.1 with 418.8 million shares traded by 1500 GMT. Volume was thin partly because of today's rail and London underground strike, dealer said.

If Wall Street takes the US trade figures in its stride London will retain its generally firm, bid-driven tone, dealers said. "No-one seems to want to sell the market. They can't afford to if there's another bid round the corner," said one.

Last week a surprise £13 billion bid for tobacco to financial services group BAT Industries pushed the market decisively through the psychological 2200 barrier on the FTSE and to new post-crash highs.

"The figures are much more important than anything an official can say," said Dirk Wegener, currency trader at Swiss Bank Corporation in Frankfurt.

The Group of Seven nations at the Paris summit broke with tradition and made no reference to the US currency in their communiqué, an omission explained by West German Finance Minister Theo Waigel on Monday.

"Mentioning (the dollar) in such a context only leads to speculation," he told reporters during a visit to London.

"The market has its own rules and sometimes cannot be influenced... markets are sometimes influenced by statements and sometimes they are not influenced by statements or by intervention," he added.

The dollar finally closed in London at 1.8930 West German marks and 141.15 Japanese yen after being above 1.92 marks and around 142.85 yen ahead of the trade figures. It had finished on Monday at 1.9075 and 141.15.

Gold ended little changed at \$371.75 an ounce against \$372.25 at the close on Monday.

## Economy in doldrums

ADDIS ABABA, July 18, (Reuters): Africa's economy remains depressed this year and the continent needs to shift attention to boosting production, a senior UN official told the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) today.

Adebayo Adedji, executive secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, told OAU foreign ministers that they should rally to support this organisation's proposed alternatives to the structural adjustment programmes for debtor nations urged by the World Bank and International Money Fund.

Those programmes put too much emphasis on cutting demand for goods, especially imported goods, to free up funds to repay debt and balance short-term outflows of money from Third World countries, he said.

Instead, Adedji said Africa needed to concentrate on expanding production and diversifying its economy. He said that the continent's terms of trade continued to deteriorate in the first half of 1989, while economic growth eased to an annual 2.2 per cent rate from 2.5 per cent at the end of 1988.



LONDON  
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABBAY NAT	149.0
ADY LTD	182.0
ALD LYONS	505.0
AMSTRAD	77.0
ARCYLL GP	223.0
ASDA GP	187.0
BAA	348.0
BTR	417.0
BAT INDS	868.0
BARCLAYS	482.0
BASS	055.0
BEAZER	185.0
BEECHAMS	627.0
BERISFORD	160.0
BICC PLC	537.0
BLUE ARV	103.0
BLUE CIRC	552.0
BOC GP	513.0
BOOTS CO	279.0
BPB INDS	253.0
BR COMM	172.0
BR AIRWAY	202.0
BR AEROSP	718.0
BR GAS RG	186.0
BR LAND	379.0
B.P.	304.0
BR STEEL	73.5
BR TELCOM	262.0
BUNZL	141.0
BURMAN OL	632.0
BURTON	252.0
CABLESWIR	524.0
CADBURYS	440.0
CALOR GRP	417.0
CLINTON R	820.0
CLINTON R.T	813.0
COOKSONS	350.0
COURTAULD	371.0
DALGETY	390.0
DIXONS	154.2
ENG CHINA	492.0
ENTER OIL	627.0
F&I BARCEL	178.0
FERRANTI	88.0
FISONS	517.0
GATEWAY	230.0
GEN ACCID	261.0
GEN ELEC	395.0
GLAXO	351.0
GRANADA	351.0
GLOBE	188.5
GLYNED	316.0
GUARD RYL	227.0
GNL	424.0
GUINNESS	528.0
HMMERS A	792.0
HANSON	225.0
HARRISON C	168.0
HUKER SID	755.0
HILLSDOWN	293.0

LONDON  
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALICE	985.0	983.0
600 GROUP	130.0	130.0
A.AMER TS	480.0	481.0
A.S.ELECT	375.0	378.0
A.S.W.HLD	267.0	267.0
AAB KENT	122.0	121.0
AAR HLD	402.0	405.0
AARONSON	96.0	97.0
ADDISON	414.0	404.0
ADVEST	206.0	206.0
ALEX URW	210.0	211.0
ALEXON	395.0	396.0
ALLD COLL	156.4	157.0
ALLD IR B	175.0	174.0
ALLD LDR	151.0	150.0
ALLD TRD	75.0	75.0
ALLD TEXT	382.0	383.0
ALLIANCE	102.0	100.0
AMBER DAY	69.4	69.4
AMEC	465.0	463.0
AMER TST	160.4	161.0
AMERSHAM	448.0	447.0
ANI HLTHC	434.0	434.0
ANGIA SC	217.0	215.0
ANGIACHV	75.0	75.0
ANGLIA	167.0	167.0
APV PLC	145.0	145.0
ASHLEY LA	102.0	103.0
ATTWOODS	471.0	470.0
AUST RECD	408.0	410.0
AUTO SECS	303.0	303.0
AVESCO	157.0	158.0
AVIS EUR	431.0	431.0
AVON RUBB	533.0	533.0
B.WHEMILL	270.0	271.0
BAILL JAL	538.0	536.0
BAILL SH	94.4	94.4
BAIRD (W)	238.0	238.0
BANK IRE	229.0	229.0
BANKER IT	93.4	94.0
BARDON GP	194.0	194.0
BARR DEV	184.0	183.0
BAYNES C	34.0	34.0
BBA GROUP	207.0	206.0
BEAR BRAND	13.4	13.4
BEATTIE J	151.0	152.0
BELHAVEN	48.4	48.0
BELLWAY	231.0	231.0
BENROSE	246.0	246.0
BENLOX HD	69.0	69.0
BERKELEY	208.0	207.0
BH GROUP	149.0	149.0
BK OF SCO	100.0	100.0
BLACK LE 2	8.4	8.4
BH GROUP	484.0	483.0
BK IR MW	229.0	228.0
BUNNETT F	105.0	105.0
BOASE MAS	362.0	363.0
BOODINGTON	180.0	180.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LAST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1882.9	1880.2	1880.2	1453.3
FT 500 SHR	1285.27	1285.46	1285.46	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1160.27	1160.56	1160.56	926.59
FT GOV SEC	86.40	86.50	86.50	87.03
FT GOV MC	200.10	201.50	201.50	161.9
FT MINES F	674.52	673.71	673.71	565.31
FT OIL	2149.9	2132.6	2132.6	1978.9
FT WLD DLR	146.48	147.03	147.03	141.17
FT WLD STG	134.51	135.23	135.23	115.30
FT WLD LOC	139.09	139.14	139.14	123.40

## London Stock Market Report

## LONDON SHARES MIXED AFTER U.S. TRADE FIGURES

LONDON, JULY 18, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE MIXED IN QUIET LATE AFTERNOON TRADING AFTER AN INITIAL MARK-DOWN IN RESPONSE TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A HIGHER THAN EXPECTED U.S. MAY TRADE GAP. THE MANDATORY QUOTE PERIOD ENDS EARLY TODAY AT 1505 GMT, AS HAS BECOME CUSTOMARY ON RALPH STRIKE DAYS, BUT THE SEAD SYSTEM WILL OPERATE UNTIL ITS USUAL 1700 GMT TIME.

IN THE ABSENCE OF SELLERS THE MARKET IS UNLIKELY TO SUFFER A SETBACK AND COULD STILL MOVE AHEAD IF ANOTHER TAKEOVER EMERGES, DEALERS SAID. "IF WE GET ANOTHER BID COMING IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO, WE WILL GO TO THE RACES AGAIN," SAID ONE DEALER. THE FTSE 100 INDEX WAS DOWN 1.0 POINT AT 2273.9 AT 1500 GMT.

THE FTSE CLOSED EARLY 1.8 POINTS DOWN AT 2273.1 WITH 418.8 MLM SHARES TRADED BY 1500 GMT. VOLUME WAS THIN PARTLY BECAUSE OF TODAY'S RAIL AND LONDON UNDERGROUND STRIKE, DEALERS SAID.

IF WALL STREET TAKES THE U.S. TRADE FIGURES IN ITS STRIDE LONDON WILL RETAIN ITS GENERALLY FIRM, BID-DRIVEN TONE, DEALERS SAID. "WHO-ONE SEEMS TO WANT TO SELL THE MARKET. THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO IF THERE'S ANOTHER BID ROUND THE CORNER," SAID ONE.

LAST WEEK A SURPRISE 13 BILLION STG BID FOR TOBACCO TO FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP B.A.T. INDUSTRIES PUSHED THE MARKET DECISIVELY THROUGH THE PSYCHOLOGICAL 2200 BARRIER ON THE FTSE AND TO NEW POST-CRASH HIGHS.

## London Gold

LONDON, JULY 18, REUTER - GOLD BULLION FINISHED JUST 50 CENTS AN OUNCE LOWER AT 371.50/372 DLRS, PARING EARLIER LOSSES AS THE DOLLAR FELL IN AFTERNOON TRADING.

THE DOLLAR SLIPPED ON A HIGHER THAN EXPECTED U.S. MAY TRADE DEFICIT AND WHITE HOUSE FORECASTS OF SUBSTANTIAL DECLINES IN INFLATION, WHICH WOULD BE EXPECTED TO ALLOW A FURTHER EASING IN U.S. INTEREST RATES, DEALERS SAID.

GOLD OPENED AT 370.35/370.85 DLRS AND EASED ON OPTIONS-RELATED SELLING TO A MORNING FIX OF 369.70, JUST ABOVE THE DAY'S LOWS. THE MARKET REBOUNDED TO AN AFTERNOON SETTING OF 371.70 DLRS AND A HIGH OF 372.37/372.50 DLRS.

## London Money Market

LONDON, JULY 18, REUTER - U.K. MONEY RATES ENDED THE DAY MOSTLY UNCHANGED OR SLIGHTLY FIRMER IN DULL TRADE AS MANY DEALERS WOUND DOWN THEIR POSITIONS TO LEAVE EARLY FOR HOME BECAUSE OF A TRANSPORT STRIKE.

THE STRIKE IS THE FIFTH ONE-DAY STOPPAGE IN THE LAST FIVE WEEKS AND HAS MEANT NO TRAINS ARE SERVING LONDON OR THE REST OF THE COUNTRY TODAY.

EVEN A LARGER THAN EXPECTED U.S. MAY TRADE DEFICIT FAILED TO STIR THE MARKET. THE DEFICIT CAME IN AT 10.24 BILLION DLRS, WHEN THE MARKET HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A SHORTFALL OF AROUND 9.0 BILLION. THE APRIL DEFICIT WAS REVISED TO 8.29 BILLION DLRS.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPN
1.6020/30	1.9250/60	6.5310/40		
STG 1.6043/53	3.0810/50	10.4525/4675		
DMK 1.9175/9255	3.075/089	29.395/555		
FFR 6.5165/5285	10.4435/4615	338.96/39.60		
SFR 1.6215/6225	2.6677/6710	86.58/67	25.52/55	
NFL 2.1685	3.475	112.775	33.24	
ECU N/A	.672431	7.02286	7.03306	
SDR 1.26395	0.786772	2.41743	8.19861	
YEN 142.60/70	228.63/94			
SDR RATE	17/07/1989	OTHERS	18/07/1989	

NAME	LAST	OPEN
BOOY SHOP	812.0	813.0
BOOT HENR	510.0	508.0
BORTHWICK	42.0	42.0
BR ARROW	115.0	115.0
BR ASSETS	83.4	83.4
BR DREDGI	174.0	174.0
BR VITA	283.0	283.0
BRENT CHE	138.0	138.0
BRENT WCR	390.0	390.0
BRIDON	204.0	204.0
BRITAIN SE	187.0	186.0
BRITANNIC	475.0	474.0
BRIXTON E	223.0	224.0
BRN & JAC	44.0	44.0
BROWN SHI	350.0	350.0
BRYANT GP	108.0	109.0
BSG INTL	83.4	83.4
BUDGENS	114.0	114.0
BULLOUGH	178.0	177.0
BULMER HP	186.0	187.0
CAIRD GRP	561.0	560.0
CALAMONDIA	377.0	379.0
CAMB ELEC	212.0	212.0
CANFORD E	295.0	294.0
CANNING W	283.0	284.0
CANNON ST	223.0	224.0
CAP-RADIO	797.0	797.0
CARADON	327.0	327.0
CARLCO EN	132.0	133.0
CATTLE HD	69.0	69.0
CAULDON	12.4	12.4
CENTL ITV	785.0	788.0
CHAM PHRR	214.0	216.0
CHARTERNA	24.0	23.4
CHORLTON	141.0	142.0
CHORWELL	205.0	205.0
COOPER F	132.0	132.0
COOPERIN	316.0	315.0
COURT FR	198.0	197.0
COURTES (T)	144.0	145.0
CRH	204.0	204.0
CRODA INT	208.0	207.0
CRYSTALAT	118.0	118.0
CTRY PROP	240.0	240.0
DARES EST	34.4	34.4
DAVIS GP	176.0	175.0
DAVY CORP	269.0	268.0
DAMSON GP	138.0	140.0
DELTA GRP	344.4	344.0
DEVENISH	313.0	313.0
DEWHIRST	220.0	221.0
DIPLOMA	98.4	98.4
DORSON PK	98.4	98.4
DOWDAS GR	357.0	357.0
DOWDINGEN	79.0	79.0
DOVITY GRP	270.0	271.0
DRAYTON FE	435.0	433.0
DRAYTON C	557.0	556.0
DRG	518.0	518.0
DUKENISTR	71.0	71.0
DUNDEE LD	327.0	327.0
DUNHILL	360.0	360.0
EAGLE TST	17.4	17.6
EDMOND I.T	203.4	204.0
EDMOND HD	41.0	41.4
ELECTRA	308.0	308.0
ELECTROCH	218.0	218.0
EMPS	240.0	241.0
EMPS	161.0	162.0
EMPIRE ST	179.0	181.0
ENG. INT. J	304.0	304.0
ETAM	200.0	200.0
EURO. HOME	203.0	202.0
EUROTHOR	334.0	330.0
EURTEL UT	081.0	080.0
EURTEL UT	84.0	83.4
EVOCOR GP	178.0	178.0
EX.CO.LRP	260.0	261.0
EXPAMET	230.0	231.0
F&C ENTER	34.0	34.0
F&C ENTER	320.0	320.0
F&C PACIF	184.0	185.0
F&C SHLR	86.0	86.0
FARNELL E	165.0	166.0
FED. HOUN	181.0	181.0
FENNER JN	174.0	174.0
FERGUSON	251.0	251.0
FINE ARTS	273.0	272.0
FLNG TECH	195.0	195.0
FRIEDLY HO	283.0	282.0
FROMKROE	538.0	537.0
GALLIFORD	97.0	97.0
GARDINER	58.0	58.0
GEEST	270.0	270.0
GEI INTL	146.0	145.0
GERDINER	254.0	255.0
GESTETNER	283.0	284.0
GOODE DUR	138.0	137.0
GPG	38.0	38.0
GRAMPIN HD	218.0	218.0
GREEN XNG	523.0	525.0
GREENWAL	313.0	314.0
GREYDOLL	548.0	548.0
GRUP TV A	68.0	68.0
GT PRITLAD	407.0	408.0
GUINNESS NA	600.0	600.0
GUS ORD	340.0	340.0
GVTT ORIE	284.0	284.0
GVTT STRA	214.0	214.0
HALMA	287.0	287.0
HANMERSON	835.0	835.0
HANVIN LE	71.0	71.0
HAZELWOOD	259.0	260.0
HEATHEN CE	463.0	464.0
HELEN (PL)	32.0	32.0
HELICAL B	343.0	342.0
HEPMORTH	286.0	284.0
HETSTAIR	231.0	231.0
HEYWOOD V	278.0	279.0
HICKSON IN	272.0	271.0
HIGGS HIL	324.0	325.0
HIMRO CTY	46.0	47.0
HIMROD ZOP	224.0	223.0
HINTR SPHR	151.0	151.0
HOLMES PR	80.0	79.0
HOLDEN GP	159.0	159.0
HPOKINSON	79.0	80.0
HROY. OGS	152.0	153.0
HTRY GROUP	99.0	98.0
ICE.FZ.FD	348.0	348.0
IMRY N.DV	630.0	630.0
INOPNDT V	15.0	15.0
INNOCL PLC	36.0	36.0
INT.BU.CH	144.0	145.0
INT.CITY	53.0	54.0
JHNS&FIR	64.0	63.4
JOS HLDGS	155.0	155.0
KALAHANDY	31.0	31.0
KALON GRP	41.6	41.4
KELT ENGY	54.0	54.0
KETSON	15.0	15.0
KLMT CHR	152.0	152.0
KLMT O'S	158.0	158.0
KLMT SHL	190.0	190.0
KLMT SAVE	50.0	50.0
KWIK-FIT	114.4	115.0
LAING *A*	320.0	320.0
LAING ORD	330.0	330.0
LAING PRP	521.0	522.0
LAIRD GRP	259.0	259.0
LAURANCE W	141.0	142.0
LDN & MET	191.0	191.0
LDN ATLAN	79.0	80.0
LDN INTL	254.0	253.0
LDN LTD	65.0	66.0
LDWEDINT	155.0	156.0
LEISURE I	95.0	93.0
LEP GROUP	172.0	171.0
LEP SERVC	376.0	373.0
LEP SCIE	70.0	69.0
LILLEY	70.0	69.0
LIT	124.0	125.0
LLOYD THP	220.0	220.0
LOGICA	339.0	340.0
LOWELL HD	262.0	261.0
LOW (W)	276.0	277.0
LOWBONNER	228.0	228.0
M&G GROUP	338.0	339.0
M.C.PACIF	235.0	235.0
M.L.L.HDGS	137.0	136.0
MAGCARTHY	261.0	259.0
MAGCARTHY	239.0	240.0
MAI	101.0	101.0
MAJEDIE	255.0	255.0
MANDERS	211.0	211.0
MARLEY	154.0	155.0
MARLEY	70.0	71.0
MARSHALLS	105.0	104.0
MCKENZIE	304.0	303.0
MENEC	238.0	238.0
MENZIES	354.0	355.0
MERCER TST	194.4	195.0
MERLIN IN	79.0	80.0
METAL CLS	172.0	171.0
METALRAX	92.0	91.0
MEYER INT	379.0	380.0
MIDSUMMER	212.0	212.0
MNT CHLT	91.0	91.0
MOLINS	195.0	200.0
MONKS IT	293.0	292.0
MORGAN CR	280.0	281.0
MORGAN GP	279.0	280.0
MORGAN HD	768.0	769.0
MOUTLEIGH	172.0	172.0







## US firm signs deal

HONGKONG, July 18, (AP): A Chinese firm has granted an American camera company the right to lease 60 million square feet (5.4 million square metres) to third parties for 25 years.

The Concord Camera Corp. signed the agreement yesterday in Hong Kong with the Wan Kong Economic Development Corp. of Baon county.

Under the unusual agreement, Concord, based in Rahway, New Jersey, will sub-lease manufacturing space and supply labour to corporations which want to set up operations in China.

Concord chairman Jack Benun declined to say how much the deal was worth. He also said his company had yet to determine how much it would charge for space in the planned industrial park, which would be used mostly for light industry.

The deal appears to be an attempt on China's part to regain the confidence of Western investors following the bloody crackdown on a movement for freedom on June 3-4. Over the weekend, the official China News Service quoted a Chinese official from Hainan province as saying China wanted to go ahead with another project that also allows a foreign firm to lease space to foreign investors.

An official at the Hong Kong office of that firm, the Japanese construction giant Kumagai Gumi, said Monday the firm had no comment on the Chinese report about the Yongpu Port.

To increase confidence of potential investors, Benun said, Concord was planning on incorporating an insurance company to guarantee all assets in the area. But, he said, his firm had yet to work out the details of the insurance company.

Benun said his Chinese partner would approve any investor as long as they met the environmental guidelines of Baon county.

He said he secured the deal during a visit of top officials from Baon county to his New Jersey home several weeks ago. The basis of the deal, he said, was Concord's six-year relationship with the county.

## 'Japan will surpass US in 21st century'

TOKYO, July 18, (AP): Nearly half the Japanese questioned in a poll released yesterday believe Japan will overtake the United States as the most dominant economic power in the 21st century.

The Tokyo Broadcasting System (TBS) said 45 per cent of the 1,500 Japanese interviewed in the poll, conducted at the beginning of July, said Japan would be the world's strongest economic power next century.

Forty per cent said they expected the United States to remain at the top economically, it said. The remainder did not respond or gave other answers.

In a similar poll of 1,225 Americans interviewed by telephone in the United States, 47 per cent said they believed their country would remain the world's No. 1 economic power, while 38 per cent said Japan would surpass the United States, TBS said.

The poll was conducted jointly by TBS and CBS news of the United States. TBS did not provide a margin of error.

## New projects to boost output

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 18, (AP): Iran is launching 75 new projects to increase the production of basic items such as paper, rubber, cement and medicines. Iranian Industry Minister Gholamreza Shafaei said today.

In an interview with the Farsi-language daily Kayhan, Shafaei said 522 Iranian rials (\$7.6 billion) were earmarked for the new projects.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, carried excerpts of the interview.

The National Industries Organisation will implement 37 projects, the industry and mines bank 31, and the Ministry of Industry the Remainder, Shafaei was quoted as saying.

The projects, mostly in poorer areas of the country, will create 26,000 new jobs and boost both the economy and social conditions, he said.

Iran has embarked on a reconstruction campaign to rebuild its shattered economy after its 8-year war with Iraq was halted by a United Nations-mediated ceasefire last Aug. 20.

## Amman cuts dinar about 2pc against dollar

# Jordan seeks Paris Club rescheduling

## Women protest at riot detentions

AMMAN, July 18, (Reuters): At least 70 women demonstrated for the release of what they said were political prisoners detained over price riots in Jordan.

The women protested outside the office of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker and then handed in a petition urging the release of 69 people they said had been held without trial since April 21.

More than 50 of the detainees are linked to Jordan's banned Communist Party, which published a clandestine leaflet in April urging people to join the protest against a government austerity programme worked out with the International Monetary Fund.

Most of the other detainees belong to two Syria-based Palestinian groups, the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

million) over the next 18 months.

The IMF backing will boost Jordan's case in its meeting with the Paris Club in the French capital.

It should also clear the way for a \$150 million World Bank loan to stimulate private sector exports and investment.

Diplomats say Japan may match that sum.

Rescheduling talks with Western and Arab commercial bank creditors, owed an estimated 20 per cent of Jordan's total debt, start in August.

Jardaneh said last month that Jordan faces a foreign exchange gap of about \$900 million this year, to be bridged partly by foreign aid, new concessional loans and debt rescheduling.

Diplomats say it is hard to calculate the exact shortfall.

"There are two big uncertainties in the numbers game — remittances and Arab aid," one commented.

The 320,000 Jordanians working abroad sent home about \$900 million last year, but bankers say the inflow has slumped.

and Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

"We were told the Prime Minister would meet a delegation of four women tomorrow," one of the protesters told Reuters.

A spokesman for the Prime Minister said the petition was being studied but that no meeting had been requested or agreed. He could not say how many political detainees were still held.

In May Interior Minister Salem Masa'deh said that the last 55 people held for taking part in the riots had been released, but that about 50 political detainees remained in custody.

Last week Jordan freed 19 prisoners convicted of political offences and 26 ordinary criminals to mark the Muslim Eid Al Adha religious holiday.

IMF-agreed target of \$296 million in Arab and other foreign aid this year would be exceeded.

Jordan plunged into economic trouble last year when a rundown of foreign reserves forced a dinar devaluation.

In April the government of Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i raised fuel and other prices under an IMF-approved austerity plan.

Meanwhile, Jordan's Central Bank cut the value of the dinar by about two per cent against the dollar and other foreign currencies in an unexplained move today.

The bank fixed the dinar at 572/578 fils to the dollar, compared with 559.6/565.6 yesterday. Sterling went to 918.8/928 fils from 899.5/908.5 the previous day, and the dinar was also down against the other eight currencies listed.

"I was very surprised," one bank dealer said. "The dollar has been strong for three days, but not enough to justify this."

Central Bank Deputy Governor Mohammed Saleh Hourani denied that a devaluation had taken place or that the bank had changed the policy it adopted on May 29 of pricing the dinar against a trade-weighted basket of currencies.

# Tunis and Libya to review projects

TUNIS, July 18, (Reuters): Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche arrived in Libya yesterday in an attempt to speed up work on joint projects after a period of uncertainty.

Libyan and Tunisian leaders have not held talks at such a high level since Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Casablanca in late May.

Khaddafi later upset Tunisians by saying that Egypt was the Arab country closest to Libya. Tunisian officials suspect Libya is dragging its feet on commitments made in 1988 and early 1989 when the two countries were on the best of terms.

These included plans to start joint oil exploration in the gulf of

Gabes, an agreement for 10,000 Tunisians to work in Libya and Libyan promises to finance infrastructure projects on the Tunisian side of the border.

In Libya, Baccouche and Khaddafi's deputy, Abdel-Salam Jalloud, will chair meetings of a high commission set up to monitor progress in these and other projects.

Baccouche was accompanied by Foreign Minister Abdel-Hamid Escheikh and Interior Minister Chedli Neftali, the official news agency TAP reported.

Meanwhile MEES said Libya's crude oil production in the second quarter of 1989 averaged 1.1 million barrels per

day (BPD), compared with its OPEC quota of 1.037 million BPD.

OPEC (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) has allocated Libya a quota of 1.093 million BPD for the second half of 1989.

MEES said about half of Libya's production was either used locally or in European refineries in which Libya's oil investments international company holds equity interests.

It said Libya's domestic refining averaged 310,000 BPD in the second quarter of 1989, while it supplied 340,000 BPD of crude to refineries in Italy and 70,000 BPD to coastal's Hamburg plant.



New Argentine Economy Minister Nestor Rapanelli makes a gesture in this picture taken shortly after he took office. Rapanelli yesterday sought to agree with some 300 leading businessmen to keep prices at their July 15 level for 90 days, after some prices more than doubled last week according to official estimates. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Price pact signed

Interest rates up

BUENOS AIRES, July 18, (Reuters): Argentina's new Peronist government, in a bid to halt 200 per cent-a-month inflation, yesterday signed a pact with businessmen freezing prices for 90 days.

New Economy Minister Nestor Rapanelli and about 300 leading businessmen agreed to keep prices at their July 15 level after some prices more than doubled last week alone.

"If the new government had not inherited a country lacking a (solid) currency, with no reserves and deep in debt, with hyperinflation that has wracked production and distribution, and has destroyed salaries, purchasing power, surely this urgent call would have not taken place," Rapanelli said.

President Carlos Menem took office eight days ago after his predecessor, Raul Alfonsín, was forced to resign in the face of Argentina's worst economic crisis.

During Alfonsín's last six months in government the austral currency lost nearly 97 per cent of its value against the US dollar, while prices rose by more than 600 per cent. In late May the crisis boiled over into food riots which left 15 dead.

"If we were left in an economic emergency, with millions of Argentines living in extreme poverty, we would have talked about other issues," Rapanelli told businessmen at the signing ceremony.

Labour Minister Jorge Triaca told a radio interviewer that price rises approved in the government's agreement with business would guide wage-bargaining sessions aimed at fixing salaries until September 30.

Powerful Peronist-led trade unions have asked for a 200 per cent rise in July's wages.

Asked if the government would sanction such increases, Triaca said: "If inflation works out to more than 200 per cent, the increases will be above that rate, and if it works out to (less than 200 per cent), rises will be under that rate."

Private economists said the pact should succeed because businesses seemed to have the final word in the week-long negotiations on capping markups.

"The pact should work because businessmen set the prices. Unless international prices vary, the agreement should last for 90 days," leading economic analyst Carlos Perez Rovira told Reuters.

Argentina is undergoing hyperinflation and recession. Real wages have declined by as much as 60 per cent since last December, according to the Latin American Research Foundation.

Interest rates rose slightly yesterday to an average 10 per cent a month, and a gap remained between the official dollar (655 australs) and the black market dollar (730 australs).

# Canadian rates likely to stay high as inflation soars

TORONTO, July 18, (AP): Interest rates are likely to stay high in Canada despite their drop in the United States because of the Canadian government's determination to control inflation, economists say.

"I don't think there's much chance of their coming down," Marc Meagher of Merrill Lynch Canada said yesterday. "I'd be sort of inclined to look for more stability than any decline over the short term."

"I don't think that recent months argue for any easing (of interest rates)," added Mark Chandler of the Royal Bank of Canada in a telephone interview.

Inflation rose in June to a 5.4 per cent year-over-year rate, the highest level in more than five years after a 5 per cent rate in May. In June 1988, inflation was at 3.9

per cent.

Finance Minister Michael Wilson said last week in Paris that high inflation in Canada leaves little room for loosening domestic monetary policy. He said a "different perception" on inflation in the United States allows American officials more flexibility to ease monetary policy.

The Bank of Canada kept its rate at 12.30 per cent last week, in the same range it has been since early June. The rate is the minimum cost of short-term financing to Canada's chartered banks, who have been offering most day-to-day loans at 13.5 per cent.

The prime rate in many US commercial banks has dropped as low as 10.5 per cent. The rate is charged to customers with the

best credit ratings.

Many analysts believe that the widening difference between Canadian and US rates has contributed to the Canadian dollar's strength since spring, attracting investors. It has been trading in the range of 83 to 84 cents to the US dollar, one or two cents higher than most forecasts had predicted.

As in the United States, the Canadian economy has expanded for seven years. Projections of a slowdown in the next year are widespread, with some mention of a potential brief recession.

A survey of forecasts by the Toronto Globe and Mail's report on business earlier in July projected a fall to 2.9 per cent in annual growth for 1989 and 1.5 per cent next year, down from the 4.5 per cent

increase in the gross domestic product that was registered in 1988.

Strong growth, however, took place in the first quarter of 1989 when real output rose at a 3.8 per cent annual rate.

Wilson said in June that the economy's strong showing in the first part of the year indicated the Bank of Canada's high interest rate policy was justified.

The Bank of Canada's Governor, John Crow, has said repeatedly that keeping the lid on inflation is his top priority.

The increase in June inflation, however, was largely a result of higher federal and provincial taxes and seasonal food prices. As such, most Canadian private sector analysts believe, the figures would not prompt the government to push interest rates even higher.

# American trade deficit widens

Plan to strengthen exports

WASHINGTON, July 18, (AP): The US trade deficit widened dramatically in May to \$10.24 billion, the biggest imbalance in five months, as America's appetite for foreign goods rebounded sharply, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said the May deficit figure represented a 23.6 per cent increase from a revised imbalance of \$8.29 billion in April, when the nation registered the lowest monthly trade gap in more than four years.

The deterioration in May reflected a sharp 4.3 per cent increase in imports to a new high of \$40.71 billion and a 0.9 per cent drop in sales of US goods abroad. Analysts had been expecting the deficit to widen in May, but only to about \$9 billion.

May's trade gap was the biggest since a \$10.8-billion deficit recorded last December.

Economist Michael Evans, head of a Washington consulting firm, said the increase in May was partly a bounceback from an artificially low number in April, but he said the monthly trade deficits are likely to rise gradually for the rest of the year.

"I wouldn't say this was a fluke or that it's going to get better again," Evans said. "I think it's a harbinger of things to come."

Even with the spurt in May, the trade gap for the first five months of the year was running at an annual rate of \$11.1 billion, below the actual 1988 deficit of 118.53 billion.

Last year's figure represented a dramatic 22.1 per cent improvement over 1987, when the trade deficit hit an all-time high of \$152.12 billion and accounted for almost half of US economic growth in 1988.

Analysts have been predicting the slowing of the US economy could help hold down this year's deficit by curbing domestic demand for imports. But they also warn that the recent strength of the US dollar against foreign currencies could stunt further progress on the trade gap.

In May, imports reached a new high as increases were recorded in virtually every major category except autos. Imports of agricultural products jumped 10.7 per cent.

Petroleum imports shot up 17.3 per cent to \$4.75 billion as the price of a barrel of oil rose to \$18.40, up from \$17.83 in April. The volume of oil imports also rose in May, reaching 8.33 million barrels a day, up from 7.57 million a day in April.

US exports, meanwhile, fell to a seasonally adjusted \$30.47 billion in May as sales declined in most major categories. Exports of consumer goods dropped 5.7 per cent.

As usual, the United States posted its largest trade deficit in May with Japan, a \$4.28-billion shortfall that was up from \$3.89 billion in April. The nation posted a small \$78.3 million trade deficit with Western Europe after posting surpluses in both March and April.

The imbalance with Canada, the largest US trading partner, was \$739.3 million in May, up from \$174.8 million in April.

Other large deficits in May were recorded with Taiwan, 1.09 billion; South Korea, 503 million; and Mexico 452 million.

Robert Dederick, chief economist for Northern Trust Co. in Chicago, said in advance of today's report that if the slowing of US economic growth continues, "the trend would be toward narrowing the trade deficit."

However, Dederick cautioned that gains on the trade front could be held back by the stronger dollar, which would make it more difficult for American manufacturers to competitively market their products to other industrial nations.

President George Bush's administration, meanwhile, is trying to strengthen exports and spur economic growth at home by aggressively pushing foreign countries to open their markets to more US goods.

At the just-concluded economic summit in Paris, leaders of the world's seven most powerful democracies said that while progress had been made in reducing imbalances in world trade, "the momentum of adjustment has recently weakened markedly."

In their final communiqué, the leaders pledged action to bring down the trade deficits in the United States, Canada and Italy. At the same time, they urged West Germany and Japan to take steps to boost consumer demand for imports and thus help reduce their partners' trade deficits.

# Sudan prints money to face cash shortage

KHARTOUM, Sudan, July 18, (AP): The Sudanese government has printed more than a hundred million dollars worth of local currency to cover a demand by people forced to trade in foreign money, the Sudan News Agency said yesterday.

It said 1.5 billion Sudanese pounds (\$125 million) in cash were flown in from England where they were printed at the Bank of England.

Quoting Khalil Ibrahim Hamid, spokesman of Sudan's Central Bank, Suna said many traders were still reluctant to deposit their money in banks, adding to the shortage in local currency.

Soon after a military coup overthrew Prime Minister Sadek Al Mahdi on June 30, the new junta ordered citizens to trade in their foreign currency or face trial by a military court.

Led by Lt. Gen. Omar Al Bashir, the junta granted a one week grace period and a July 21 deadline, threatening the death penalty for hard currency dealers.

The tough measures have brought in about \$25 million, and taken out at least 300 million Sudanese pounds, leaving banks in the capital Khartoum short of cash for the past five days.

People also have been reluctant to deposit local currency in banks because of new, unstable limits on cash withdrawal set by the junta.

Al Bashir, now Prime Minister, Defence Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, has said his priorities lay in reforming the economy and fighting corruption.

Since the coup, the value of a US dollar fell sharply from 21 Sudanese pounds to 12 pounds. A newly-formed official price regulating committee brought down the market prices of cooking oil, bread and meat by more than half.

## Business prospects bleak

China signs contract

HONG KONG, July 18, (AP): Beijing's suppression of a pro-democracy movement has derailed China's opening to the West and prompted speculation that its economy could enter a new period of stagnation.

The June 3-4 crackdown also upset China's plans to turn state-owned companies over to private businessmen, which many Western observers perceived as the best hope for the economy of the nation of 1.1 billion.

Businessmen and diplomats, interviewed in Hong Kong, said they think China's economic modernisation plan has stalled, despite statements to the contrary by Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin.

They point to recent editorials in the Chinese press criticising private industry, the most active sector of the economy, and claims that Chinese operators of joint ventures have been told to limit contact with foreigners.

They also criticise Beijing's campaign against official corruption, a major impediment to doing business in China, as a cosmetic gesture after the Chinese military killed or injured hundreds and possibly thousands of Chinese in June.

Observers predict a decline in investment and trade with China. They say China will face foreign exchange shortages and crucial contacts between Chinese and foreign businessmen will be limited.

Still, they say there are some opportunities for the short-term. Commodities traders say recent business has been brisk as China moves to make up for the predicted drop in investment by selling some products cut rate.

An official from a large Japanese company in Hong Kong said Chinese have signed several multi-million dollar contracts in recent weeks in an attempt to purchase goods before the foreign exchange crunch begins. And yesterday, China signed a contract with an American company giving it the right to lease Chinese land to foreign investors.

But analysts said these opportunities appear to be short-lived.

"The good deals will only last as long as China's foreign exchange holds out which won't be that long," said Robert Broadfoot, Hong Kong-based business analyst. "The deal makers involved in the bigger projects, like investments, are taking a very big risk."

Broadfoot says many of his clients are cancelling investment projects or putting plans on hold.



By Kathy Cuddihy

# A day to remember

OK, kids, as a special treat I'm going to let you have one whole day in London. You can do what you want, go where you want. You plan it, I'll help you execute it. It will be a day to remember.

"Wow, Mom, do you really mean it?"  
"Of course I mean it. When I say I'll do something, I do it."

My offer came from the heart, but I probably should have consulted the head before making any commitments. My magnanimous spirit had forgotten to consider two possibilities: unforeseen circumstances that could mar the smooth running of the plan; and flaws in the plan itself.

The unforeseen circumstances began to make themselves apparent before our flight to London even got off the ground.

"Sorry, folks," announced the captain, "mechanical difficulties force us to delay our departure for approximately three hours. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause."

The kids regarded the setback as a serious infringement on their allocated adventure time. I saw it as a tiny reprieve from an impulse that my instinct told me I might live to regret.

We finally reached London without further mishap and proceeded to our hotel.

"We're terribly sorry,"

Madam, but your family room isn't ready yet. It's only 7.00 am and the present occupants haven't checked out. If you would like to wait in the lobby, we'll be happy to provide you with complimentary refreshments. Our restaurant open in half an hour."

The inconvenience of not freshening up and/or resting in our room didn't bother the children for too long. They were too excited. Suffering from impending exhaustion, I didn't feel at all as resilient, but not wanting to dampen their enthusiasm, I put on a brave, albeit fatigued, face.

Nothing opened until at least 9.00 am, so I suggested going for a nice English breakfast in the hotel's elegant diningroom. The children could then reveal their agenda to me.

"We always have nice English breakfasts in hotels, Mom. Since this is our special day, we've decided to start it with a special breakfast. We want to go to McDonald's."

McDonald's? I sputtered. "But...but that's a hamburger joint." Already my delicate stomach was heaving in protest.

"Right. But you can have breakfast there, too. We saw ads on TV. They have McMuffins and all sorts of neat stuff."

"But you kids don't even like muffins," I objected, hoping they would

voluntarily withdraw their proposal. "They're not ordinary muffins, Mom, they're McMuffins. You're not going to spoil our day before it even begins, are you?"

"No, darlings, I wouldn't dream of it. When I say I'll do something, I do it."

Once again, my heart was sincere, but my mind was thinking far more logically...along much less noble lines.

"Would it be too bold of me to ask what other goodies you have planned for today?"

"Well, we thought we'd go to Madame Tussaud's first. That place always has queues, so if we go early we might not have to wait so long. Then we could zap over to the London Dungeons. That's a really freaky place. You'll love it, Mom. Tarek's mom went there and said she got scared out of her wits."

"I can hardly wait. Does the schedule lighten up?"

"Don't worry, we won't be rushing around all the time. For lunch we'll go to McDonald's. That'll give you a chance to sit down and relax."

Relax? At McDonald's? I thought we were going there for breakfast. Isn't twice in the same day a bit much?"

"But we're not going to have hamburgers for breakfast. Hang loose, Mom. If you get agitated now, you won't make it

through the rest of the day."

"Dare I enquire what the afternoon programme holds in store?"

"That's the best part. After our cultural morning we're going to unwind at the fun park."

"Should I hazard a guess at where we'll eat dinner?"

It's not McDonald's, Mom. We'll give it a break. How does a gourmet pizza sound to you?"

"Much like the rest of the day: like I've bitten off more than I can possibly chew. I think I'll go to bed right after dinner."

No go, Mom. We have theatre bookings."

"How could you possibly have theatre bookings?"

"Dad got them for us. We wanted to surprise you."

"Well, you've done that, my darlings. Quite honestly, though, I think the real surprise will be if any of us is still standing by theatre time."

There seemed to be no future in subtle protests. Rationalising that the sooner we began, the sooner we might (just might) finish, I herded my charges off to the plastic palace of McDonald's. (Could I perhaps slip a mild sedative into their milkshakes...?)

This might not be a magical day to remember after all, but it certainly would be one I'd never forget.

## Serving India through the years

# Snow on a summer day

The Last Days of the Raj.  
By Trevor Royle.  
Michael Joseph. £15.95.

Raj  
By Gita Mehta.  
Cape. £12.95.

IN the 1960s we conducted lightning raids on India for catchpenny spiritual enlightenment. In the Seventies we swooned with nostalgia over the golden days of the Raj. In the Eighties attitudes hardened; Kipling is once more admired.

A sense of these shifting cultural perceptions underlies Trevor Royle's wide-ranging and lucid account of the last years of British rule in India. While the Bengali radical, Subhas Chandra Bose, was assuring his followers that the Empire would "melt into nothingness like snow on a summer day", Churchill was declaring: "I was not appointed the King's First Minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire."

The narrative of *The Last Days of the Raj* is supplemented by the comments of scores of witnesses, both British and Indian, whom Royle has interviewed to build up his picture of Indian politics and society.

He is good on the Indian Civil Service, whose "White Brahmins" were "neither Indian, nor civil, nor servants"; good on British ambivalence, Indian infighting and the messianic hopes that they had never bled an egg; on old India hands returning to a "never had it so good" mother country where the welfare state and hire purchase affronted their moral values; on the carnage in the Punjab that came in the wake of the independence celebrations.

The observations of his missionaries, industrialists and soldiers are strikingly perceptive and interesting. The general reader would probably like more of them to break up the solidity of the exposition, but Royle's calm and even-handed treatment sees us safely through the complex excitement of the era.

Many of his British witnesses found their Indian service an alienating experience. "Life in India is horribly artificial and meaningless," says a 1946 letter home. "It's just sozzling in the club and general scandal mongering or petty romance."

Romance — full-blown, not petty at all — is at the heart of Gita Mehta's panoramic first novel, *Raj*, which tells the story of Jaya Singh, a princess of the Royal House of Balmer. Mehta believes that the women of India were the custodians of their culture: the Princes were weak and compromised, but colonial influence could not penetrate the harem.

*Raj* spans the years between Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee to the British withdrawal. Jaya is transformed from a bejewelled toy to a democratic politician and Gandhi-fan. So Mehta has a lot to tell us, and she tells it like this:

"On the borders of Balmer a delegation of anxious village elders surrounded their ruler."  
"Destitute peasants have been streaming into Balmer, hukam."  
"Now moneylenders are coming in their wake, trying to buy land at derisory prices in the hope of capitalising on the continent-wide panic created by the famine."

Is there no law against writing like this? This unsuitable blockbuster is described by its publisher as "consciously accessible."

Condescending to her public, Mehta says: "I wanted not to write something very clever." It's rare to see an author fulfil her aim so completely.

Hilary Mantel

The British Conquest and Dominion of India.

By Sir Penderel Moon.  
Duckworth. £60.

THIS is a monumental history of British rule in India, a monument reared by a former member of the Indian Civil Service who did not live to see its publication. Sir Penderel Moon belonged to the generation who joined the Indian Civil Service in the conscious knowledge that the British Raj would not last their time and that their essential task was to prepare and assist that consummation.

No wonder there was an uneasy coolness between them and those whom the Second War brought to India in uniform precisely because they had not been prepared to witness the extinction of a British Empire of which British rule in India had long been the centrepiece. To defend and to dissolve are opposite purposes and imply opposite moods. That was the dilemma upon which the British members of the ICS were impaled throughout their career and on which they agonised.

Sir Penderel's own official life ended with a premature departure from the Service, a departure not due to difference of perception but to a question of emphasis and judgment which was not really resolvable. To its intractability, the holocaust that accompanied the accelerated inauguration of independence in 1947 bore tragic witness.



'As in a flashback to the days of princely rule, these landowners (or jagirdars) sit deferentially through their birthday celebration of their maharajah — one of Raghu Rai's sumptuous photographs from *Dreams of India* (Weidenfeld, £25), introduced by John Kenneth Galbraith.

It might justly be said that the same dilemma had haunted the most thoughtful of "the servants of India" (as the British rulers liked to call themselves) right from the earliest transformation of a trading company into an Imperial administration. As he unrolls the scroll of British dominion in India, Sir Penderel is alert to underline at each stage the sense of apparent inevitability at odds with ultimate untenability.

The story is one which mankind in future centuries, and not least the Indians themselves, will tell and re-tell for the sheer fascination of the paradox and the same hope which inspires historians of ancient Rome of somehow penetrating the secret causes why the inhabitants of one Latin village in central Italy gave their language and their laws to the whole Mediterranean world and covered it with the arching roof of their centralised administration and military competence. In the case of the British Raj that historical exploration — or exploitation — is still in its early stages.

A newcomer to the scene, inside or outside academe, could want no more comprehensive introduction than Sir Penderel's book. Its enormous scale is not disproportionate to the size of the theme or the importance of adequate leisure to assemble the details of each episode. It is no reproach — much the contrary — to predict that Moon's history will become, a like Xenophon's *Anabasis*, a famous textbook.

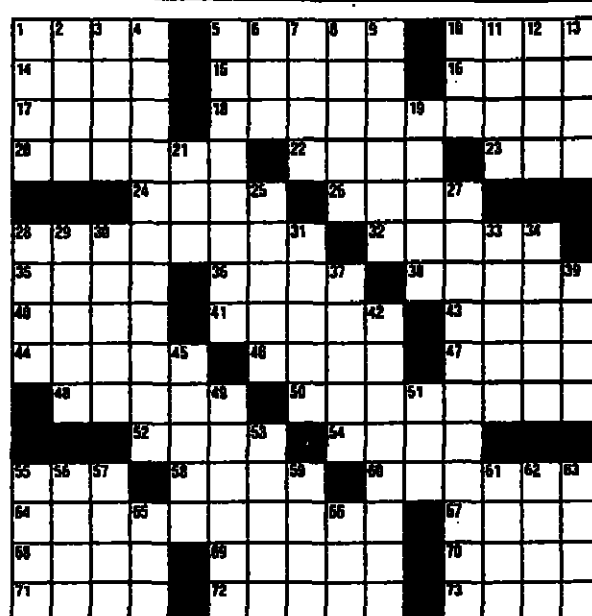
For British readers, it is a study tinged with the flavour of regret for past achievement and lost power, a tinge of bitterness and self-reproach which the improbability of the event, however fantastic in retrospect, cannot quite extinguish. By the Indians themselves the history will be read with different eyes and different emotions: they have to cope with a past which is more problematic for them even than for the one-time rulers.

British dominion in India, whatever else contributed to create and maintain it, was possible only because it was willed by the Indian population itself, not merely passively as a lesser evil than previous experiences but consciously and actively. It is this past, which confronts them in language, thought and literature, in laws and liberties, with which future generations in India will have to come to terms, a past incompatible with the heroic myth of a nation winning liberty after long oppression.

The truth was less heroic, far more contradictory. I remember my erstwhile Indian Army colleague Brigadier (later General) Kariappa once remarking to me: "We don't have to drive you out by force. We four hundred millions (the then population) would only need to lean on you and say, 'Get going, little people, get going.'" When Northern India was reconquered after the Bengal Army had mutinied in 1857, it was newly-raised regiments from a Punjab only lately annexed after bloody battles which made the reconquest possible and formed the basis of that reconstituted Indian Army that fought with Britain against her enemies on the Western Front in one war and in the Middle East in two.

The secrets of human behaviour are not to be unlocked with the swipe of generalisations or the brute force of preconceptions. The student must look longer and closer. The more he looks, the more astonishing and the more mysterious is what he finds and the greater is the respect he gains for lives like that of Sir Penderel Moon.  
Enoch Powell

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Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠K93 ♥AQ10952 ♦7 ♣AKQ  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 1 NT Pass  
2 ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠Q1063 ♥93 ♦AQ9 ♣AQ86  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 ?  
What do you bid now?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠73 ♥A87 ♦94 ♣AQJ1062  
The bidding has proceeded:  
South West North East  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
3 ?  
What action do you take?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
♠K109 ♥862 ♦A103 ♣AQ104  
The bidding has proceeded:  
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1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass  
3 ?  
What action do you take?

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HADAT SADA RACY

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠A6 ♥KQ1054 ♦AQJ6 ♣K3  
The bidding has proceeded:  
East South West North  
1 ♣ Dbl 1 ♣ Pass  
2 ♣ ?  
What action do you take?

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♠6 ♥Q1085 ♦AJ764 ♣K82  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♦ 1 ♣ Pass ?  
What action do you take?



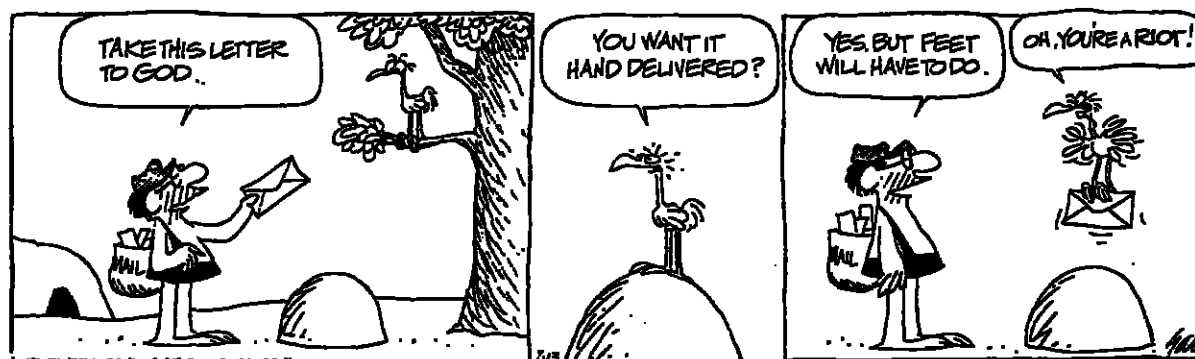
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## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should make sure you do not break a promise. And keep within the limits laid down by the authorities without being subservient. You will seem to have forgotten something you have learnt recently, never mind that it is only a passing phase. Be reliable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be satisfied with the progress you are making. However, do not just sit back — continue working hard. Look more on the positive side of things. Be generous.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

Try to keep things simple and concentrate on meeting your commitments. Do not use force where persuasion has not worked. Your lucky numbers are 32 and 1. Take the best possible care of your health. Be truthful.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

You should seek to keep your views more to yourself and to listen attentively to others. You should try harder to adapt to circumstances. Have a little more confidence in yourself. Be magnanimous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Avoid trying to do your own electrical repairs unless you really know how to. And make sure mechanical devices are serviced regularly too. Avoid asking for more than what you ask is worth. Be frank.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be able to come closer to your partner. Do not allow others to make up your mind for you except on some small matter. You will tend to be rather nervous so try to control yourself. Be prudent.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

Try to understand other people's motives, and do not make others feel small. Even if you think you are the most clever of them all do not think you have nothing more to learn. Indeed if you do, you are not at all clever. Be punctual.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You will feel more up to things than you have of late. Take a little better care of your health. You will be able to put your commonsense to good use. Be tactful.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will be reluctant to do something that you know very well has to be done. You should make sure you do not let a secret slip out. Work hard but without exhausting yourself. Be consistent.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Time will be short so do not dally and concentrate on essentials. Something you have been worrying about will not now happen. Make sure you do not allow paper to accumulate. Be more careful.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will tend to be rather forgetful so do all you can to assist your memory. Show just a little more goodwill towards others. Do not be too proud to make a few concessions. Be tolerant.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be more creative but you should also avoid speculation. Do not think you are always quite right and others invariably quite wrong. You should not pretend to know something you do not. Be sincere.



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# Chinese sports chiefs slam Fang

PEKING, July 18, (Reuters): Chinese sports chiefs have joined in a propaganda campaign against leading dissidents Fang Lizhi, accusing him of being unpatriotic in criticising Peking's emphasis on sporting success.

The official China Sports News said today that sports administrators had held a special seminar to "criticise Fang Lizhi's denial of socialist sport."

The astrophysicist has been under constant

attack since he took refuge in the US embassy in Peking when troops launched a bloody crackdown against pro-democracy unrest in early June.

The sports officials quoted Fang as saying in 1988 that China's quest for medals in international competition was "narrow-minded patriotism" and describing successes in sport as a drug for the Chinese population.

"This only shows (Fang's) evil intentions

towards socialist sport and reflects his swollen reactionary arrogance," the paper quoted Li Chengzhi, vice-chairman as saying.

"Patriotism is a spiritual power for we athletes," former table tennis star Qiu Baoqin, now a Peking coach, told the meeting. "We absolutely cannot accept Fang Lizhi's attack on patriotism. What kind of person does not love his country?"

# Chicago rout New York

## Fisk gets 2,000th career hit

NEW YORK, July 18, (AP): Carlton Fisk singled in the first inning for his 2,000th career hit and later hit a double and single to lead the Chicago White Sox over New York Yankees 7-3 last night.

Fisk's hit made him the 12th active player and the 173rd player overall to reach 2,000. His single was his 1,878th hit as a catcher, the most ever. Ted Simmons, who retired last year, is second with 1,772.

"The best part of it was to have my family here to share the moment with me," the 41-year-old player said of the mark he reached after 17 years in baseball.

Blue Jays 6, Angeles 4  
Blue Jays 5, Angeles 4

David Wells, 4-4, became the first Toronto pitcher to win both games of a doubleheader and Tom Henke got two saves to increase his total to seven.

California manager Doug Rader was ejected in the eighth inning of the second game by home plate umpire Larry McCoy. Rader's second ejection in three games.

Twins 5, Indians 2  
Minnesota Twins' Kent Hrbek's three-run homer capped Minnesota's four-run rally in the eighth inning at the Metrodome.

Doug Jones, 3-4, relieved to start the eighth with a 2-1 lead. Al Newman, Randy Bush and Kirby Puckett hit consecutive

one-out singles to tie the game. Hrbek hit the next pitch for his 11th home run of the season and his second in two games.

Tigers 2, Athletics 1  
Detroit Tigers' Chet Lemon singled in the winning run in the ninth inning at Tiger stadium and Paul Gibson and Mike Hennehan, 6-2, combined on a four-hitter. Detroit has won two straight after losing 10 in a row.

Whitaker led off the ninth with a single off Gene Nelson, 2-4. Alan Trammell sacrificed off Rick Honeycutt and Tracy Jones was intentionally walked. Lemon then lined a single to right

and Whitaker scored easily ahead of Jose Canseco's throw.

Royals 3, Brewers 2  
Kansas City Royals' rookie Tom Gordon, 11-2, won his seventh consecutive decision and matched his season high with 10 strikeouts, sending the visiting Milwaukee Brewers to their fifth straight loss.

Orioles 8, Mariners 4  
Orioles' Pete Harnisch, 1-2, allowed eight hits in 8 1/3 innings and walked six in his first Major League victory as Baltimore won its fourth straight. Craig Worthington had three hits, including his sixth home run of the season.



Twins' Kent Hrbek slides into one of the bases

## \$47.6m bid for 134 colts on first day of yearling sale

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 18, (Reuters): International horsemen bid \$47.6 million for 134 prime colts and fillies yesterday as the first day of the annual Keeneland Selected Yearling Sale gave evidence of a firmer market in the world's richest thoroughbred auction.

An English-bred chestnut colt sired by Blushing Groom out of Mountain Bear fetched the six-hour auction's top price of \$1.5 million bid by Sheikh Maktoum Al Maktoum of Dubai's Gainsborough Stud. Keeneland race course officials said.

The 72 colt and 62 fillies sold in the first session of the two-day sale brought an average price of \$355,269, a 5.1 per cent gain from the year-ago average of \$338,060 based on \$45.3 million paid for 134 yearlings.

The \$265,000 median price — representing the midpoint of successful bids with half of the yearlings sold for more and half for less — was 1.9 per cent above the year-ago \$260,000 in the first session of the two-day sale.

"We thought (the price level) would be off but we found it very strong, extremely strong, particularly with the fillies," said Tom Cooper, chairman of the British Bloodstock Agency of Ireland.

Though the market was firmer, it was a far cry from the dizzying heights reached a few years ago when intense competition between European-based horsemen for Keeneland's prized bloodlines generated a world-record price of more than \$13 million for a single yearling colt.

Last year's top price was \$3.5 million.

Seven yearlings, three of them sired by Mr Prospector, brought winning bids of \$1 million or more yesterday, including \$1,325,000 paid by the British Bloodstock Agency of England for a bay daughter of Mr Prospector out of Private Colors who is destined for Elizabeth Moran's Brushwood Stable.

Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum of Dubai's British-based Darley Stud Management paid \$1.2 million for a bay Mr Prospector colt out of Euryanthe.

The Maktoum brothers, part of the ruling family of the oil-rich Arab emirate, were the Keeneland sale's most prominent foreign buyers as they have been in recent years.

But spokesman Jim Williams told Reuters there was also "significant" buying by agents apparently representing various Japanese racing interests.

"The Japanese were significant here in the early seventies but they haven't figured so prominently in the last few years," Williams said. "They were mainly going for the higher part of the market middle."

## Australian winger gets another chance

# Campese to face Lions

SYDNEY, July 18, (Reuters): Winger David Campese will have a chance to redeem himself in the eyes of Australia's rugby union fans when he turns out for a diluted ANZAC team in the last game of the British Lions tour in Brisbane on Sunday.

After the withdrawal of top players like John Kirwan and Wayne Shelford only five New Zealanders were named today in the first trans-Tasman rugby team to play a touring side.

Of the five only prop Steve McDowell has played for the All Blacks this season. Number eight Zinzan Brooke, picked in place of All Black captain Shelford, faces a fitness test and could be replaced by Australian Tim Gavin if unfit.

Campese toyed with the idea of retiring after an error in Saturday's third test helped the Lions to a 19-18 victory. The Lions won the series 2-1.

Australian coach Bob Dwyer, who will also coach the ANZAC team, was reported as saying today that Campese might not be



David Campese: nearly quit the game

considered for the game so he could play himself back into form in club rugby for the August 5 clash with the All Blacks.

But Campese will play outside New Zealander Franco Botica who has been named at centre with Australian Dominic Maguire. Botica, a brilliant fly-

half, is kept out of the All Black team by kicking master Grant Fox.

Kirwan, Shelford, John Gallagher, Gary Whetton, Richard Lee, Terry Wright and John Schuster turned down invitations because of work commitments or injury.

The ANZAC game falls on the weekend between the two All Black Tests against Argentina. The Lions will name their side later this week.

ANZAC is an acronym of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps which dates back to World War One.

ANZAC team (Australian unless stated) — Kieran Crowley (New Zealand), Ian Williams, Dominic Maguire, Franco Botica (New Zealand), David Campese, Michael Lynagh, Nick Farr-Jones (captain) Zinzan Brooke (New Zealand) or Tim Gavin, Jeff Miller, Bill Campbell, Steve Cutler, Mike Brewer (New Zealand), Andy McIntyre, Mark McBain, Steve McDowell (New Zealand).



Said Aouita of Morocco (No. 59) leads the pack at the start of the men's mile at the international athletics meeting in Belfast. Aouita won the event while Steve Scott of the United States was second. (Reuters wirephoto)

## British asked not to play in South Africa

LONDON, July 18, (Reuters): The organisers of the 1990 Auckland Commonwealth Games have urged British rugby unions to stop their players taking part in matches to celebrate the South African union's centenary this year.

David Johnson, chairman of the Auckland Organising Committee, has written to the English, Scottish and Welsh rugby unions asking them not to pass on invitations to players.

"The XIV Commonwealth Games Ltd opposes, in the strongest possible terms, your decision to pass on invitations to players under your jurisdiction, to play in matches celebrating the centenary of South African rugby," Johnson wrote.

"This opposition would automatically extend to participation in any way with South Africa."

England, Scotland, Wales, France and Australia have said they will pass on invitations to their players despite the international sporting boycott of the white-ruled republic.

Johnson's letter was supported by the Canadian organisers of the 1994 Games in Victoria.

"It is wrong for the exercise of individual freedom by a few people to jeopardise all sport, including rugby, throughout the 65 countries of the Commonwealth," John Stothart, executive director of the organising committee, said.

"We ask you to review and reverse your decision and to forbid all players under your authority from playing in South Africa."

## Jackson fails in record bid Sang beats Cram

BELFAST, July 18, (Reuters): Lucas Sang re-emphasised Kenya's middle distance dominance when he beat Briton Steve Cram by more than half a second in an 800 metres race at an international athletics meeting in Belfast yesterday.

The Kenyan produced a kick down the home straight to leave Cram looking leaden-footed and finished in a time of one minute 46.21 seconds against the 1:46.74 of Cram.

There was some compensation for British supporters when Colin Jackson, who beat Olympic champion Roger Kingdom of the US on Friday, won the 110 metres hurdles but failed in his stated attempt to beat his own European and Commonwealth record.

He finished in 13.16 seconds with fellow-Briton Tony Jarrett second in 13.31. Jackson had equalled his own record of 13.11 in beating Kingdom on Friday.

## Results

Men's 100 metres hurdles:  
1. Colin Jackson (Britain), 13.16 seconds;  
2. Tony Jarrett (Britain), 13.31; 3. Nigel Walker (Britain), 13.71

300 metres:  
1. Butch Reynolds (US), 32.06; 2. John Regis (Britain), 32.41; 3. Darren Clark (Australia), 32.88

800 metres:  
1. Lucas Sang (Kenya), 1:46.21; 2. Steve Cram (Britain), 1:46.74; 3. Brian Whitte (Britain), 1:46.77

1,500 metres:  
1. Said Aouita (Morocco), 3:57.59; 2. Steve Scott (US), 3:58.09; 3. P. Lardies (Britain), 3:58.28

Women's 500 metres:  
1. Denise Edwards (Britain), 2:00.42; 2. Julie Jenkins (US), 2:00.51; 3. Bev Nicholson (Britain), 2:00.90

Discus:  
1. Jacqueline McKernan (Britain), 56.50; 2. Agnes Harecz (Hungary), 56.48; 3. K. Pugh (Britain), 49.24

Men's pole vault:  
1. Doug Friley (US), 5.60 metres; 2. Ed Bell (US), 5.50; 3. G. Duplantier (US), 5.40

Men's 400 metres hurdles:  
1. S. Matete (Kenya), 49.81; 2. P. Harries, 51.15; 3. S. Krawinkel, 51.15

Men's high jump:  
1. D. Garmy, 2.20; 2. Equal Jack Wozola (Poland); 2. Equal Jim Howard (US), 2.20

Women's 5,000 metres:  
Fatie Plummer (US), 15:10.69; 2. Liz McColgan (Britain), 15:19.25; 3. H. Titterton (Britain), 15:40.14

## US Cup team named

NEW YORK, July 18, (Reuters): The United States tennis association named Chris Evert, Zina Garrison, Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver to the 1989 US Federation Cup team yesterday.

All four were on the last US team to win the Federation Cup, in Prague in 1986. Evert, Garrison and Shriver last competed in Federation Cup play in 1987 when the Americans were runners-up to West Germany in Vancouver. Navratilova last appeared in 1986.

None of the four was on last year's team, which fell to Sweden in the second round. Czechoslovakia won the 1988 title.

Navratilova is 10-0 in Federation Cup singles and 10-0 in doubles. Evert is 35-2 in singles and 17-2 in doubles. Garrison is 3-2 in singles and 2-0 in doubles.

# Professional attitude brings success to W. Germans

## Graf and Becker give boost to Pilic's efforts

MUNICH, West Germany, July 18, (Reuters): The double triumph of Boris Becker and Steffi Graf at Wimbledon this year has posed a searching question for many tennis players, officials and fans outside West Germany.

How can a traditionally small nation such as West Germany suddenly produce world-class stars in a matter of a few years as well as a team strong enough to win last year's Davis Cup while other countries cannot?

The answer is straightforward, according to one of the most important men behind the country's tennis boom of the 1980s.

"It's all about being more professional," West Germany's Davis Cup coach Niki Pilic said.

"In the past our players weren't real professionals. They were talented but didn't have a real professional attitude. You can do a lot with sheer hard work," Pilic told Reuters in an interview.

Becker's third Wimbledon title in five seasons has provoked discussion in countries such as Britain, which has failed to produce top players despite the fact the game is just as popular there and the climate comparable to that of West Germany.

"With no climate or genetic advantages they (the Germans) have left us in their wake... their authority a strident indictment of insular attitude," leading British sports writer Ken Jones wrote in The Independent.

The double victory in the



Graf receives instructions from her coach Niki Pilic (left) before one of the matches

men's and women's singles at Wimbledon marked the climax of a West German tennis boom which has seen a 21 per cent increase in the number of people playing the game in the last four years.

When Pilic, a month away from his 50th birthday, leads the Germans into their Davis Cup semifinal against the United States here on Friday, his team will be close to their third final in five years.

Prior to 1985 the country had reached the final just once, and

went on to claim the title for the first time with victory over Sweden in last year's final in Gothenburg.

The Yugoslav-born Pilic, the first professional tennis player from Eastern Europe, took charge of coaching the national team in 1982. He quickly changed the attitude, planning and coaching in West Germany.

"The year I came there was hardly a German who played at Wimbledon. This year we had 10 or 11... many of the players did not travel. Now they play more



Becker has won the Wimbledon three times in five seasons.

tournaments abroad," he said. "With money and a good coaching system we have got people higher in the rankings. You can't manufacture one of the best players in the world but you can produce a player who will be ranked 35th or 40th in the world."

"We work hard at helping players get into the top 100. From there on they have to swim on their own, get their own private coach and work their way

through the various levels of tournaments abroad."

Pilic admits the arrival of world number two Becker, 21, and 20-year-old Graf, the top woman in the world, gave a real boost to his efforts in the mid-1980s. Two million of the country's 62 million population now play tennis in 9,000 clubs compared with 1.65 million in 1985 and 1.27 million in 1980.

Last year the number of boys

under 14 joining tennis clubs rose by 17 per cent with a 10 per cent rise in girls of the same age starting the game.

"It was luck that Becker and Graf came. It all came together at the right time and their early success has attracted many youngsters to take up the game," he said.

But there was also method behind the discovery of successful Davis Cup players such as Carl-Uwe Steeb (world ranked 23rd), Eric Jelen (49th) and Patrick Kuehnen (63rd).

The West German Tennis Federation (DTB) works on intensive training for around eight players in each of three different levels: A-level (the Davis Cup squad and full professionals), B-level (up-and-coming players) and C-level (youth players).

It spends around 250,000 marks (\$125,000) each year trying to get the players in the important B-level into the world top 100. Pilic also keeps a regular eye on young talent in the C-level to decide whom the DTB will support with cash and coaching in the future.

"We have a good system. I have a lot of good trainers with me. It needs good coaching and money," Pilic said. "There are a few players in the 15-16 age group who are looking promising."

"Our recent success is not just a flash in the pan. I am convinced West German tennis has a good future."

## BOXING

# Williams seeks to surprise Tyson

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, July 18, (UPI): Carl "The Truth" Williams, perhaps the most articulate man ever to challenge heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, sound convincing ticking off the reasons why he will upset the champion on Friday night.

If he boxes as smoothly as he talks in the bout at the Convention Centre, he will have a good chance of ending Tyson's unbeaten string at 36. If not, he will end up like the rest of Tyson's opponents.

Williams says he will defeat Tyson because he has physical advantages and refuses to be intimidated.

He says those factors will separate him from the first nine men who lost to Tyson in title bouts. Most experts disagree, and he is a 12-1/2 to 1 underdog.

"It's not like I go into the ring scared," said Williams, who claims his background on the streets of New York was tougher than Tyson's. "Mike has the ability to intimidate an opponent. He's been fighting mostly opponents I'm a challenger."

"I won't be like (Michael) Spinks. He was paid \$13 million, and he was scared to death. It was a business thing, not a fight," said Williams.

Williams has the No. 1 ranking of the International Boxing Federation to support him. But Tyson's victims have included seven former champions and two No. 1 contenders. Seven of his 32 career knockouts have come in title bouts.

He predicts Williams will be no tougher than those foes.

"I'm coming to fight," Tyson said. "I'm looking for a knockout."

By now, Tyson's background of juvenile crime on the streets of Brooklyn, New York, is well-known. But Williams says he grew up in a tougher neighbourhood in South Jamaica, Queens — also in New York — and his childhood was one of street fights, guns and crime.

He also spent 11 days in jail for hitting his girlfriend in 1986, although he still maintains he is innocent of the charge. He scoffs at the time Tyson spent in an upstate New York reform school as a teenager.

"He hasn't been through half the stuff I have," Williams says of the champion. "He was taken out of the streets at a very early age."

Williams, 29, is 22-2 with 17 knockouts. His losses were in a 1985 title bout against Larry Holmes and a second-round knockout to Mike Weaver in 1986. The Holmes' bout was an impressive showing for Williams, who was just 25 and had only 16 pro fights at the time. But the loss to Weaver raised questions about his ability to take a punch.

Williams went down three times against Weaver. Add two knockdowns each in victories over James Tillis and Jesse Ferguson, and Williams has hit the canvas seven times.

"Everybody knows about the chin," he said. "But I got up three times against Weaver. I wasn't knocked out. I was a victim of the three-knockdown rule."

"I was careless and Weaver was lucky. Holmes got a gift decision. Thus, my two losses."

If Williams cannot survive Tyson's best punches, perhaps he can avoid them. At 6-foot-4, he is six inches taller than the champion. His 85-inch reach gives him a 13-inch advantage and, at 220, he should outweigh the champion by a few pounds.

Williams plans to jab and move around Tyson, and tie up the champion when he gets inside.

"I have what it takes to beat Mike Tyson," he claims. "He does one thing well — punch. I do a series of things well."

"Obviously, there will be times when I'll have to stand toe to toe but I'm not going in there to maul and brawl."

Williams' plans sound good, but most of Tyson's opponents also swore not to be intimidated. Yet, nearly all have altered their style soon after the opening bell. Or, as Tyson says, "Everybody has a plan until they get hit."

Williams also has the experience of a series of sparring sessions with Tyson six years ago. Tyrell Biggs and Frank Bruno had the same "advantage" before they were knocked out by Tyson.

"Whatever happened in those sparring sessions was then," Williams wisely admits. "This is now. This is a whole new era."

For the past three years, it has been Tyson's era.



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## World record

PESCARA, Italy, July 18. (UPI): Brazilian Roberto da Silva, unbeaten in the 200 metres this season, will aim to break the world record of his idol Wednesday at the Golden Gala Grand Prix track and field meet. Roberto da Silva, oldest of five siblings, edged closer to the world record 19.72 seconds of Italian Pietro Mennea last Saturday at London's Crystal Palace when he clocked 20.08.

## French player

MARSEILLE, France, July 18. (Reuters): Marseille launched a costly programme to recruit star players ahead of next season's European Cup by signing French international Jean Tigana on a two-year contract yesterday.

## Boxing rematch

KAMPALA, July 18. (Reuters): World Boxing Council (WBC) light-welterweight champion John Mugabi said today he was prepared to fight former champion Rene Jacquot if the Frenchman's appeal for a rematch was upheld.

## Sports chiefs

BONN, July 18. (Reuters): Sports chiefs from East and West Europe will discuss anti-doping measures in the Bulgarian city of Sofia from October 2-6, West German delegates said today.

## Slaney injured

NEW YORK, July 18. (AP): Injury-plagued middle distance runner Mary Slaney dropped out of the New York Track and Field Games at Columbia University yesterday because of an injured right Achilles tendon.

## Goodwill Games

SEATTLE, July 18. (AP): The 1990 Seattle Goodwill Games will include competition in 21 sports held in several Washington cities during its 17-day run beginning next July 20, the Games' organising committee announced yesterday.

## Rose's suit

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 18. (AP): Attorneys for Pete Rose asked a federal judge yesterday to send Rose's suit back to a state court because allegations of local bias were not grounds for a move to the federal system.

## Longo ahead

LES ORRES, France, July 18. (AP): Jeannie Longo of France regained the lead yesterday of the women's Tour de France by winning an individual time trial for the fifth stage.

## Doubles final

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 18. (UPI): Pat Galbraith and Brian Garrow yesterday won the rain-suspended doubles final in the Hall of Fame Championships at the Newport Casino after the grass-court event was moved indoors to avoid the rain.

## Voss leads

EL PASO, Texas, July 18. (AP): Brian Voss of Boca Raton, Florida, charged from 19th place to the lead yesterday after three rounds of the PBA \$130,000 El Paso Open. Voss, whose eight PBA titles include a pair this year, amassed 4,132 pins for his 18 qualifying games.

## Hardee's Classic

COAL VALLEY, Illinois, July 18. (AP): The Hardee's Golf Classic will increase the tournament's purse by \$300,000 next year, making it a \$1 million competition, tournament officials announced yesterday.

## Europeans tipped to win Open

Don't underestimate Americans: Kite

TROON, Scotland, July 18. (Reuters): America's leading golfers have accepted that the role of favourites has passed to the strong men of Europe for the British Open championship starting at Royal Troon on Thursday.

When European Ryder Cup captain Tony Jacklin predicted that no American could win the 1988 Open at Royal Lytham, his remarks were greeted with outrage in the US camp.

Yet Jacklin was proved right, as Severiano Ballesteros took the crown for the third time. Now the Americans accept that the top Europeans have the inside track in the race for the title that the US golfers used to dominate.

Tom Watson, the champion five times, named Ballesteros and US Masters champion Nick Faldo as his leading two candidates when he was asked yesterday to select the men who might win.

The Europeans have the edge. They are playing well now," said Watson, whose last triumph was in 1983.

His compatriot Tom Kite, who slumped in the final round of the US Open last month and has never won a major, agreed. But he tempered his remarks by saying: "Don't underestimate the Americans. We're not dogs. We can play a little bit, too."

Kite, leading money-winner on the US Tour this year, added: "The players over here, Seve, Nick, Sandy (Lyle) and right



Severiano Ballesteros (left) and Faldo: two of the leading candidates for the British Open title

down the top 10 are as good as any players in the world.

Kite went on to explain the power shift that has taken place in world golf with the last two European victories over the United States in the Ryder Cup.

"For 22 years there were no European players who could compete. That was the way it was

with so many prominent Americans.

"But starting in the late 1970s, the European players began to go to the United States and saw us when we were not always at our best."

"They saw (Jack) Nicklaus and Watson not only winning, but missing cuts, even if not very

often, and all of a sudden it instilled confidence in the Europeans.

"They saw we were not perfect and that they were not far behind, and kept on improving their games."

"This week," Kite went on, "you will have to make the favourites the players who are

used to playing on this terrain. They play it a lot more than we do, and you have to give the favourites role to the home town boys."

British bookmakers have concurred, naming Ballesteros, Faldo and Ian Woosnam as their three leading favourites with the top American, US Open cham-

pion Curtis Strange, in fifth place at 16-1.

Watson, however, thinks Strange might have hurt his chances by having to play in the US Tour tournament last week in his home town of Kingsmill, Virginia.

"I've told Curtis that next year, when that tournament is pushed ahead a week, he should come over here a week earlier and play a lot of links courses, just to get used to the conditions," Watson said.

Strange, who last month became the first man to retain the US Open title since Ben Hogan in 1951, does not have a good British Open record, largely because of poor opening rounds while he was still making the time adjustments.

Last year he followed up an opening 79 with rounds of 69-69-68 but that superb recovery earned him only a 13th place tie — his best in five British Opens.

At Turnberry in 1986, he also began with 79, again recovering well to tie for 14th. He did not play in 1987.

Strange is fifth on the US money list for the year with earnings of nearly \$500,000 after his US Open triumph and three successive third place finishes.

With Ballesteros winning in 1984 and 1988, Faldo in 1987 and Lyle in 1985, Greg Norman of Australia has been the only non-European champion since Watson last won in 1983.

## Brazil ready for Cup campaign

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 18. (Reuters): Brazil's South American championship triumph plucked them from the jaws of another lost cause and cleared the horizon for next month's 1990 World Cup qualifying series.

The Brazilians, who have never failed to reach the World Cup finals but last won the trophy 19 years ago, meet Chile and Venezuela in South American Group Three, starting in August.

Barring a catastrophe they should travel to Italy next year, along with World Cup holders Argentina at the head of a strong South American challenge.

Italy's coach Azeglio Vicini, who

watched the high quality final round of the Copa America tournament, said he would prefer Chile to knock Brazil out of the World Cup. "I don't want to meet (Brazil) next year in the World Cup," he said.

Vicini said he was impressed by Brazil's new tactics, which he termed European.

Like Argentina's Carlos Bilardo, Brazilian coach Sebastiao Lazaroni saw the need to harness Brazil's traditional skills within a tight, tactical framework to plug holes that made them vulnerable at the back. "We had to change and I decided to take the risk in the Copa America. It was my only opportunity as we were treating this tournament as

preparation for the qualifiers," he said.

Two years ago Brazil were eliminated from the South American championship by Chile in the opening round, their defence crumbling to the Chileans' fast breaks.

Brazil's laxity in defence and lack of discipline also let them down in the 1982 and 1986 World Cup finals.

Brazilian fans do not take kindly to defensive tactics, but Lazaroni won them over with the performances of his side in the final round in which they convincingly beat the other big teams of the region, Argentina and Uruguay.

Chile should be a pushover for a side with the confidence of the new

Brazil and with a host of reserves of equal or greater skill in the wings.

Napoli striker Careca missed the Copa America through injury. Torino's Muller and Geovani, who is on his way to Bologna, are on the fringes of the team.

"Alemao deserves to be in the first team. He was Napoli's best player in their UEFA Cup conquest," Vicini said.

Lazaroni said it was important to face European teams after qualifying for the World Cup finals. His side lost to Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland on a tour of Europe.

"In Europe we really put to the test all that we have done up to now," he said.

## Maradona can't go at any price: Napoli

NAPLES, Italy, July 18. (Reuters): Napoli soccer club President Corrado Ferlaino says he will never permit the transfer of Diego Maradona to Marseille, however much the French League and Cup winners offer.

Ferlaino said in an interview with the Gazzetta dello Sport newspaper published today that he still had no contact with Marseille officials, "but however they approach us, we will not give up Maradona... the matter is not negotiable."

Ferlaino's latest veto followed reports in last weekend's French newspapers of the Argentine World Cup captain saying Marseille had improved their offer for him to \$25 million. Maradona was quoted as saying there was a 40 per cent chance Napoli would let him go.

"If Napoli agreed to sell Maradona, where could we invest that kind of money?" asked Ferlaino.

The Napoli president said he was stating the Italian First Division team's position clearly so that the fans knew exactly where they stood. Maradona has expressed conflicting views on the subject of a transfer to Marseille.

He said on June 3: "I'm not going to Marseille or anywhere. I'm staying in Naples, not just because my contract is until 1993, but because I'm happy here and want to stay."

But on July 11, Maradona told the Brazilian newspaper O Globo during the South American championship that he wanted to move to Marseille for family reasons.

Other Italian papers reported from Naples today that sales of season tickets for the coming season were at their lowest since Maradona joined the club in 1984, blaming it on uncertainty about the Argentine's future.



Diego Maradona

## Lemond increases Tour lead

BRIANCON, France, July 18. (Reuters): American Greg Lemond increased his overall lead in the Tour de France today in the first tough stage in the Alps.

Lemond, who started the day 40 seconds in front of Laurent Fignon of France, stole 15 seconds on his rival on provisional timings.

The 16th stage of 174 kms from Gap was won by Pascal Richard of Switzerland in four hours 46 minutes 45 seconds, two minutes 33 seconds ahead of Bruno Cornillet of France with whom he had made an early breakaway.

A bunch of riders headed by Frenchman Charly

Mottet and Lemond, and including last year's winner Pedro Delgado of Spain, followed, some four minutes 49 seconds behind the stage winner.

Fignon, who was dropped on the final ascent of the 2,360-metre high Col d'Izoard, struggled to get back but slipped 15 seconds.

Delgado, as expected, attacked on the Izoard, the highest pass encountered in the tour so far, but Mottet, Gert-Jan Theunisse of the Netherlands and then Lemond caught him before the summit.

The American turned the tables on the terrifyingly steep descent, riding in suicidal style to steal away from the rest with Mottet, who is third overall.

## Little triumphs in Nascar race

MONROE, Washington, July 18. (UPI): Chad Little nosed out Roy Smith by 1.2 seconds yesterday to win the rain-postponed Nascar Motorcraft 500 stock car race, winning the \$90,532 Evergreen Speedway event for the third time in five years.

Little, a former Nascar Winston West Series champion, led the final 198 of the 500 laps over the .646-mile (1.039 km) paved oval.

## Six teams threaten to drop out

## Kapilku backs Palaro committee decision

By Yawar Maqsood  
Sports Editor

THE Kapilku board of directors, during a meeting at the Far East Restaurant late Monday evening, upheld a decision of the Palaro Executive Committee to allow 11 teams into the final of the Palaro Basketball Tournament being held at the Kheifan Gym.

The meeting of the Kapilku board was called by the president of the board, Manny Inserto, after KPBC accused the basketball tournament organisers of changing the rules and threatened to withdraw from the event.

KPBC had been involved in a triple-tie situation after last Friday's matches with EEI-Kamish and Magnolia. After the organisers failed to break the tie, it was decided to allow these three teams from Group B into the semifinals along with all the other teams involved in a similar situation.

This decision resulted in 11 teams qualifying for the semifinal instead of the stipulated eight. KPBC has strongly objected to this decision and want the organisers to change their decision so that only eight teams move into the next round.

The manager of the KPBC Ahmed Tafouni last night told the Arab Times that he would withdraw from the tournament if the decision was not changed. Tafouni had earlier accused Freddie Fernando, the organising committee chairman, of bending the rules to favour Mag-



Action shot of one of the matches at the Kheifan Gym.

nolia. However, the manager of Magnolia, Ramzi Jabseh, said last night that he was happy that his team had reached the semifinals but would be more happy to face KPBC in the semifinal round.

Monday evening's meeting was attended by Manny, Freddie Fernando — who is also the vice-president for Sports & Recreation, Sarah Macarimbang — vice-president for Social and Culture Affairs, Sonny Uy — assistant vice-president for Social & Cultural Affairs, Lulu Alejo — assistant vice-president for Media and Exter-

nal Affairs and secretary Rosasi Asupria.

Gil Bangalan, the Basketball Committee chairman, presented the interpretation of the rules to the board. Manny strongly recommended the formation of an independent body to find a solution to this problem but the board of directors, by a majority vote, decided against the formation of such a committee.

The board, after thorough deliberation, felt that the Executive Committee was already the highest committee empowered by them to decide such issues.

The board further underscored that there were already two standing committees created by the Executive Committee — the Tournament Committee and the Technical Committee — to deal with all problems related to the tournament.

Kapilku's decision, however,

has failed to resolve the situation. Not only are KPBC still threatening to opt out of the tournament, five more teams are said to be ready to drop out of the event.

"I have already received confirmation that five other teams will follow our lead and the sixth team might join us," said Limdimas, one of the best players in the tournament and linchpin of the KPBC squad.

"A meeting with those teams has been scheduled for this evening, where we will decide on our further course of action," Limdimas added. He said that the teams who had confirmed their alliance with them were EEI, Kuwait, Regency Palace, SAS Hotel, Woodgroup and Pampanga.

If these teams withdraw from the event, the tournament will be deprived of some of the best basketball action.

All these teams have, however, decided to attend the meeting of all the representatives of all the squads, who have reached the semifinal stage, at the Far East Restaurant on Thursday at 3.30 pm.

The organisers have also announced the start of the semifinal round on Friday, July 21, involving Al Rashid, Dollarco, Hatid Ligaya, Kay & Associates, KPBC, Magnolia, EEI, Woodgroup, Pampanga, SAS Hotel and Kuwait Regency Palace.

Also, the Pizza Italia "All Star Exhibition Game" shall be held as scheduled on Friday at 1.30 pm, with the top 32 players selected from all the participating

teams divided into the Red and Green teams.

This added attraction surely will delight the crowd. The finals of the "3-Point Area Shooting Contest" and the "Ladies One-on-One" shall be held as well during the games on Friday, starting at 8.00 in the morning. In this connection all the contestants are to be at the gym early.

Schedule of games Friday, July 21, 1989: 8.00 A (1) vs (2); 9.30 B (1) vs (2); 11.00 A (3) vs (4); 12.30 finals in dart and table tennis; 1.30 Pizza Italia's "All Star Exhibition Game"; 3.00 Ladies Championship round: Greek House vs Durrani Exchange; 4.30 Hatid Ligaya vs Al Rashid Freight; 6.00 B (3) vs (4).

## Who is right?

Despite all the deliberations that have taken place this week the question remaining unanswered is 'Who is right?'

Are the interpretation of rules by KPBC or the organising committee correct? Only one of them can be right. Eight teams were to reach the semifinal round and not eleven. Three teams which have not qualified should have been dropped and can still be if the international rules are followed. Rules have been laid down to avoid such situations provided these are followed in toto and not specific ones to suit the affected parties. Sport will not be best served by a split and action should be taken to avoid it.

The Filipinos have been doing a wonderful job of organising this event every year and one small incident should not be allowed to result in all the hard work going down the drain.



E. German footballers start training

Jens Konig (left), Andre Kohler (centre) and Thomas Weis during a training session with West German Soccer League team FC St Pauli in Hamburg yesterday. The three East German footballers were playing for the East German team Wismut Ave when they defected to West Germany last week. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Al Hajri finishes in eighth position

ROTHMANS ace, Saeed Al Hajri from Qatar, joined the world elite at the end of the four day Rally of New Zealand yesterday evening. He had driven his Rothmans Ford Rally Team Sierra Cosworth superbly through the final day's treacherously slippery special stages to hold on to a fine eighth place overall.

The former Middle East champion, had to use all of his skill to keep in touch with the top Europeans who led the 1,900 kms rally. They had the benefit of four-wheel-drive traction in the wet rain soaked stages that comprised the run from Rotorua back to Auckland.

Al Hajri is the first Middle East driver to tackle the Rothmans Rally of New Zealand.

"It has been the worst day today," said the Qatari driver as he reached the finish in Auckland. "We had some rain on the first day, and that was the only time I had driven with windscreen wipers in five years. Then after leaving Rotorua this morning, it started to rain heavily and that made the tracks very slippery, but I kept on pushing to hold on in eighth place and reach the finish. It was what we came here to do and we have succeeded."

Not only had Al Hajri and his British co-driver, Steve Bond, succeeded, but they had set new standards for others to beat. They were also one of only four crews in the top 10 places who did not have the advantage of four wheel drive cars.

The rally was won by Sweden's Ingvar Carlsson in a Mazda 323 4WD.

Carlsson kept a consistent margin of more than two minutes throughout the rally over American-based New Zealander Rod Millen, striving for his first world championship win.

The 42-year-old Swede clocked six hours 59 minutes 55 seconds ahead of Millen with 7:02:37. Briton Malcolm Wilson was third in a Vauxhall Astra GTE 16V.

Carlsson's win takes him to third place with 40 points in the World Drivers' Championship, behind Didier Auriol of France with 50 points and Italian Massimo Biasion with 80. No other championship contenders took part.

## Results

1. Ingvar Carlsson (Sweden) Mazda six hours 59 minutes 55 seconds; 2. Rod Millen (New Zealand) Mazda 7:02:37; 3. Malcolm Wilson (Britain) Vauxhall 7:03:24; 4. Mats Jonsson (Sweden) Opel 7:04:06; 5. Colin McRae (Britain) Ford 7:11:35; 6. Kenjiro Shinozuka (Japan) Mitsubishi 7:22:16; 7. Ray Wilson (New Zealand) Mazda 7:23:13; 8. Saeed Al Hajri (Qatar) Ford 7:28:09; 9. Ross Dunkerton (Australia) Mitsubishi 7:30:08; 10. Ken Adamson (New Zealand) Mazda 7:33:03.